Spring 2010
Edited (for confidentiality) Honor Code Ratification Comments

**Note: These comments appear in the order of “No”, “Yes with objections”, and “Yes”. The sections are labeled.

57 people voted “no”
100 people voted “yes with objections”
739 people voted “yes”

Questions? Email code@hc!

**Comments from students who voted “No”:**

1) The epidemic Haver-Apathy that seems to sneak into almost every outlet of life here. The Code demands us to be active and engaged in life. Not cheating on a test, while complying with the Code, does not actually demand us to be active--it's a passive part of the Code. When it comes to actively reaching out to follow Fords in accordance to with concern and respect, I think that we fall short. This might be because we're too preoccupied with our own "all important" lives or completely apathetic. In either case, I don't see it as the Code failing entirely--we must take the steps to make sure that we ALL live up to the Code...even if that means a special Plenary. I would even settle for productive discussion on Go!.

2) The subject of the ACBs was brought up by Will Harrison during Plenary. For a long time, I have questioned about how an anonymous forum such as this on the internet interacts with the 'HaverBubble'. While on one hand the boards can be incredibly productive and enlightening (and even on a rare occasion, genuinely funny banter), more times than not they provide a place to take off the burden of "self-governance" and let the pent-up insults and gossip out, in a really horrific way. Confrontation of such action is not really outlined in the Code, and even if it is vaguely, I think the Community could really benefit from discussion of the matter--especially with the recent Go! controversy surrounding rape & sexual assault email.

Final thought: The Code will only ever be dead when those that took its words to heart and into daily action are gone from Hogwarts--I mean--Haverford.

#1. Confrontation ALMOST NEVER happens at Haverford. Sure, it sounds good and people enjoy wearing "Confront, Conback" t-shirts (designed because Honor Council realizes that confrontation never happens), but the majority of Haverford students are deeply conflict-adverse and lack the testicular fortitude to proactively address violations of the code. … Confrontation is the main enforcement mechanism of our Honor Code yet people are less likely to directly address their concerns with the other party here than anywhere else I've ever been (they're much more likely to bitch and moan to friends or behave in similarly passive-aggressive ways). Thus, I have serious questions about to what extent or how thoroughly Honor Code violations are actually addressed. #2. ACB posts … should have made it abundantly clear to the willfully ignorant that those who speak out loudly against what they perceive to be injustices are not treated with trust, concern or respect. Quite frankly, the whole "OMGz, the ACBs are making people say mean things" conversations have pissed the crap
out of me because people have conflated a forum with an ideology or mindest that enables too many Haverfordians to say mean and vindictive things about their outspoken peers in various settings. … So most of the soft-spoken and non-controversial Haverfordians wish that could go back to the "good old days" before ACB where they could keep their heads in the sand about all of the nasty and ugly interpersonal behavior that occurs at Haverford because it wasn't viewable on an online forum. I'm glad ACBs have enabled that douchebags and jackasses to air their dirty laundry in public, because now nobody can naively pretend that these people aren't at Haverford. People actually have to view the ugly side of this college. The previous paragraph should make it clear that I think trust, concern and respect govern too few interactions that occur at Haverford -- in fact, Haverford is the less trusting, concern-driven and respectful setting that I've been in since at least middle school (though the kid who would point and yell "nerd" was unintentionally funny, while a subset of Haverfordians are outright mean). To be fair, most of the school embodies these values wonderfully, but I think there's a small but significant subset of the student population who doesn't behave in these values in mind, and the ACBs have made it apparent to all that we're being delusional if we say that trust, concern and respect are consistently paramount here. To be honest, I have never been truly comfortable with the social honor code -- it reeks of paternalism and sacrificing individual rights for the so-called collective good. In practice, administrators and students use it to censor dissenting views by labeling them as "confidential," "offensive" or "against community standards." Seeing as hateful speech still abounds, the most tangible impact I've seen from the social honor code is self-censorship and the stifling of free speech. For these three reasons, I'd be much more comfortable with just an academic, and not a social, honor code. My experience has given me reason to believe that many students choose not to address their grievances through confrontation, and since virtually all social violations would need to be initiated by students, I believe that the suggested procedures for addressing grievances with peers are not actually followed in practice. Violations of the academic honor code, on the other hand, are usually initiated by professors confronting students, and most of the abstracts indeed reflect that professors, not students, serve as the confronting party. My experience in … other academic settings … have made me realize that our academic honor system is truly exceptional. Despite the presence of kind and upstanding people in all of these other academic settings, the norms and ethos were entirely different. Academic integrity was marginal, students would always cheat to get ahead, and teachers almost never trusted their students to tell the truth. The academic honor code, therefore, codifies a reality of what makes Haverford unique. Contrast that with the social honor code, which appear to me as a set of ideals -- "how things should be" -- that are adhered to no better at Haverford than any of the aforementioned educational settings. To me, the Honor Code should represent how things are rather than how things should be. But right now there's a disconnect. Completing your own work and not plagiarizing are mandates, while trust, concern and respect are ideals. This inconsistency with how seriously we take the language of the honor code has tangible consequences. In time, having one portion of the honor code be a set of mandates and the other a set of ideals will dilutes the power of the mandates and muddle the values that Haverfordians actually demonstrate.

1. Section 3.02, introduction: "an open and supportive environment that promotes...community growth". I feel that a majority of the community does not believe in nor care about its own growth anymore, as exhibited by the turnout at this year's Spring plenary. I consider plenary to be the most significant single instance where the community as a whole body has an opportunity to grow and develop. If a majority of community members either are disillusioned with plenary to the point where they believe it is broken and do not
attend, or are merely too apathetic to care about community growth, then something is clearly wrong with our attitude. It needs to change, we need to change, or the document needs to change. I do not think it is the latter.  

2. Section 3.03a, confrontation, and Section 3.05, Upholding the Code: After hearing numerous comments from friends this week, I no longer believe that everyone in the Haverford community is comfortable with peaceful confrontation. While I have been confronted and have confronted others in my time here, indeed, I have heard some have been offended by it, some have been reluctant to do it, and some have been disappointed when they knew they should have been confronted and they were not. Because confrontation and self-confrontation are the obligatory foundation upon which the entire jurisdiction of the Code is based, if the entire community is not absolutely 100% comfortable with it as a regular, everyday practice, we need to consider our relationship with the Honor Code and why we still claim to believe in confrontation. Perhaps we need a system more like Bryn Mawr's in which confrontation is optional. I would hope not, as I am comfortable with confrontation both by me and against me, but I am only one community member.  

3. Section 3.04b, social concerns: The Honor Code's jurisdiction extends to all "internet forums." Though the ACB's can serve a useful purpose, far too often are they used as a means to degrade and exhibit general mean behavior toward other community members. I feel that the community has not adequately worked to address this concern, despite it being blatantly relevant and present since my acceptance into Haverford. Either we should exempt the ACB's from the Honor Code (perish the thought), or work more actively as a community to extinguish the negative use of the ACB's.  

4. Personally, I am calling the community's bluff. I feel like we have allowed ourselves to sink and slink too far into the dark depths of apathy once again, as has happened many times before. Those times, that I know of in 2002 and 2006, the Honor Code failed ratification. A special plenary was held, said special plenary did in fact reach and sustain quorum, and for four more years in each case, the Honor Code passed. The experience of the 02 and 06 special plenaries and Honor Code crises forced the student body and this community, as a whole, to re-evaluate its relationship with the Honor Code, with the community, and for four years we were "safe" from the depths of apathy. Until now. The last class, 2009, that had that experience of a special plenary has left us. I feel our community needs a period to re-evaluate itself once again. Though I've outlined instances above where I feel the document itself *could* be broken, I think it is far more likely for us to be failing the Code than for the Code to be failing us. It is our attitude. How are we supposed to enjoy all the perks of an Honor Code without any of the work? How are we supposed to enjoy all the perks of self-governance, of which the Honor Code and Honor Council are part, if we are unwilling to participate in any of the work? Respecting the Alcohol policy is part of that work, confronting others when we feel they breach the Code and responding to confrontation in a positive manner are part of that work, not copying from the internet or looking at textbooks for answers are part of that work. Attending Plenary is part of that work, attending open Students Council meetings are part of that work, meeting quorum for elections on the first try is part of that work, filling all election positions is part of that work. I allow that some may not be willing to participate in the work because they believe the system of self-governance itself to not work. Plenary may very well be broken. It sure failed this year. Students Council may very well be broken. There is enough thought out there that C12 doesn't do anything. Honor Council may very well be broken. There is also thought out there that it isn't transparent enough - look at the platforms of the current and previous chairs and secretaries, who ran on such initiatives as "big name public portions" to increase transparency without the uncovering of confidentiality. Though I currently disagree that any of it is broken irreparably, and any disappointments of mine in the system are due to the difficult work of implementation and action rather than construction, I am open to other's opinion that the
system is broken. Therefore, I openly question any community member who decides to ratify
the Honor Code, and at the same time does not participate in the system because they feel it is
broken. I question those community members, and ask them, please come help us fix it to
your liking. Of course, I even further question the ratification of any community member
who does not participate in the work of self-governance due to apathy or lack of concern.
Being a part of a community, a strong community, brings with it many benefits. Those
benefits, and that strong community, come with a price. That price is participation. Without
active thought, discussion, interaction, and participation, the community does not exist. I feel
this community is not participating to a sufficient level, and because of that, I do not feel I can
ratify the document upon which it is based until I am proven otherwise.

Based on the events of Spring Plenary 2010, I cannot wholeheartedly believe that the Honor
Code is in fact functioning sufficiently well to merit it and the institutions surrounding it go
unexamined. Spring Plenary 2010 was cancelled on account of a failure of quorum, a failure
which indicates to me nothing more serious- and nothing less- than a general apathy with
Plenary, which I believe to extend to the engagement with the Honor Code in general. If
students are as willing to dismiss the importance of a school-wide function, part of which
includes ratification of the Honor Code, I sincerely and honestly doubt their complete and
universal commitment to a Code which requires us to be consciously, actively caring about
our fellow students at all times for the entire semester. Without such complete and universal
commitment, the absence of which has not before been so clearly demonstrated to me, the
Honor Code cannot effectively function as a governing document: the Code requires us ALL
to engage, not merely those of us who choose to, when we find it desirable. I do not believe
the Code itself is broken. I think it is the student Body as a whole who is failing through their
apathy to live up to it, and that steps need to be taken to recognize and accept responsibility
for this failure, until such time as we can muster the desire, not to regain the Code's
protections, but to fulfill the Code's responsibilities.

I am angry that students no longer care about going to plenary. This made the whole process
unnecessarily long for the ones who do care. I am voting no because these people don't
deserve to have an honor code if they can't care enough about being involved in student
affairs; and I don't see a problem with punishing them for it.

I believe that we need to force dialogue open on the topic of the Honor Code. I fully support
the Honor Code, and I want to see the community come together over it. For that reason, I do
not vote for it, as a means of testing it, and with full confidence that it will pass.

i believe the honor code needs to be ratified by a student body that accepts the responsibilities
as well as the advantages of the honor code.

I cannot continue to vote for a code that does not work in practice. The social Honor Code has
become, or perhaps has been, a joke. No one knows how to use it in practice, Honor Council
rarely if ever has social cases. Students need to consider what it is that we continue to ratify.
Haverford can be better then what it has let the social code become, and that sincerely
disturbs me.

I cannot in good conscious ratify the code.

I did not have to throughly consider my position because to be frank, the Honor Code is a
complete piece of shit. Since coming to Haverford, I have not heard of one instance when the Code has worked in a successful and productive manner. For example, the sexual assault case that ended with a lawsuit that the student body was recently informed of. Apparently, suing someone for 1.4 million dollars in a mediation setting is in accordance with the 'trust, concern, and respect' that the Code preaches. The Code works fine academically, but socially it fails. For this reason I cannot ratify the Honor Code.

I do not feel the current system of confrontation is adequate and requires some changes.

I do not trust that we, as a community, truly understand together, intentionally, what the Honor Code does or means for us. It lacks a pervasive influence in our everyday lives. I'd like for it to be stricken, and for a new process, a new discernment, to begin within the community.

I don't think a strong enough bond of trust exists throughout the community. For the honor code to actually work, every person would need to trust every single other person and lets be honest, that's not reality. In an ideal world the honor code could work but really its beyond idealism. Whether its that "laxer" in your economics class or Gangadean or that really competitive kid in your Biology class, people feel like they just can't trust them. The ACB's are just one thing that have showed me that we as a student body are not cohesive and in some ways are not just blinded by self-interest, but also occasionally go out of our way to hurt peers at Haverford. What little positive good we get out of the code doesn't legitimize its existence. Most people only think of the honor code as that thing that gives them the freedom to take exams when they want. Even if cheating is minimal on these campus (and its not entirely clear that it is) it still allows the lazy kid in the class to outperform the hardworking kid with a strong moral code. I don't think that Haverford students have the fortitude to confront other students for the most part. Given my observations of the breaches of trust, respect, and the academic honor code, I have lost faith in the honor code since coming to Haverford. However, I do feel that an Honor Code could exist on this campus without all the opportunities to abuse it. There could be some oversight of student housing to make sure students aren't disrespectful. The leeway we are given in take home exams just enables cheating to an unnecessary extent, even if most students don't take advantage. Self-scheduled exams are much more reasonable that still must be taken in an academic building. These things are just a few of unnecessary freedoms that students abuse that aren't necessary for some kind of honor code, through which we as a community trust each other to a more reasonable extent, to exist.

I feel that the Honor Code has been weaponized by Honor Council, Student Council, and JSAAPP to unfairly attack and punish individuals that they do not like. Fuck this.

I feel the student body has changed a lot over the past few years; I am not confident the honor code is effective anymore.

I no longer believe that a spirit of trust, concern, or respect really governs much of the student-to-student interaction at Haverford College, and I believe that ratification without significant self-reflection by this community would do little to hold us collectively accountable for our many failures during the past few months.

I no longer trust that the student body is committed to the honor code, until I see evidence of
that commitment I cannot honestly vote in favor of the code.

I think that the Honor Code has some flaws that must be addressed before I could vote for it. I think that it works to a certain extent; however, in some areas it is lacking. For example, I do not understand why state laws (particularly concerning alcohol) can be broken under the Code. No matter how much these laws may seem to be unfair or arbitrary, it is still law. We have to be responsible for our actions in the school community as well as in the community beyond the school. Also, with regard to what happened at Plenary this year, it is disconcerting that ten more people could not be found to reach quorum to finish the resolutions.

I will not be implicit in the system of hypocrisy that this school is revealing that it is founded upon.

If Haverford students are "honorable" people, the honor code is unnecessary; if they are not, the honor code won't make a difference.

I'm not sure what actual effect it has on student practices. All the alcohol related hospitalizations this year indicate that the social honor code needs serious revision and discussion.

No one takes it seriously, and I do not think we should keep it around just to pride ourselves on the fact that we have an honor code that we don't honor.

not ratifying the honor code would force the student body to really think on the code, not just something to pass at plenary, another thing we have to really think about/question/appreciate.

Plenary etc.

Plenary was not completed, and all (or at least most) of the resolutions should be discussed, including the honor code.

Simply attending Haverford doesn't make you Haverfordian. You are a bunch of idiots.

Something in either the system or the student body, or both, is badly broken. While I do always follow the Code, and could justify voting for it on that ground, I cannot accept the extent to which other students ignore the Code as a Haverford idiosyncracy rather than the integral part of Haverford life that it should be. The failure of Plenary is symptomatic of a larger problem in the way Haverford students view the community, and this needs to be addressed before I can feel comfortable voting for the Code.

The "Honor Code" is a joke. It doesn't even define what "honor" is; most of the Code is pompous, procedural bullshit. It's time we end this farce.

The academic aspects of the honor code function relatively well however the social aspects cannot function in any community. Just make the honor code only have to do with academics and I will vote for its ratification. I know the school will lose its zeal and the admissions department would be in shambles if this happened, but in the long run it could cause the school to improve some important aspects that are clearly lacking. Maybe reinventing our
image - to something not so overwhelmingly and obviously hypocritical - could serve to improve Haverford.

The Code does not place enough responsibility on students to maintain the legacy of the Honor Code and to make sure that it accurately reflects our views.

The code is unrealistic with this student body, and ratifying it is just going to continue the use of it as a facade disguising a broken system made up of spoiled, self-interested students.

The efficacy of the Honor Code is dependent upon universal, or a perceived universal, compliance by the student body. Since it is my opinion that this universal adherence to the Code is absent, my once supportive view towards the Code has eroded, and I therefore cannot vote for its ratification. Why isn't there universal compliance to the Code? I'm not entirely sure, but it may be due to the fact that nobody has the audacity to confront the person(s) or thing(s) that is/are wronging him/her. In other words, since the possibility of negative sanctions for questionable behavior is very low, and at times nonexistent, what's to keep people from not breaking the Code? Maybe it's because our respect for our peers runs so deep as to compel us to save ourselves and our peers the trouble, and indignity, of being confronted even if they have wronged us, or someone else. According to the Code in this situation, both parties (us and the wrongdoers) are to blame; in short, everyone is guilty. Further, in my estimations, confrontation doesn't work unless a professor, or an administrator, is the confronting party. And since professors don't exactly participate in much of the social realm, who's to confront those that are wronging us in social situations? No idea.

- The Honor Code is more than an outline of the college's judicial procedures. It is the embodiment of a 109 year old right to self-government, granted by the President to the Students Association. This sort of right entails both a freedom and an obligation. Self-government is not free; it can be taken away from us at any time, and it is contingent on the students' devotion to the principles behind the Code, particularly the principles of “trust, concern, and respect.” If these principles become trivial to the Students Association, we fail to fulfill our obligation and we have no right to self-government or the Honor Code. Have we reached that point? Probably not. The fact that we can hold self-proctored exams, confront our classmates in even the most uncomfortable situations, and even report our own violations to the Honor Council suggests that the principles are as important as ever to most of the community. Why, then, do I vote against ratification? While only two thirds of the student body must return ratification cards, the Code applies to every student. By ratifying the Honor Code, a student not only affirms her support for the Code, but also binds her fellow students to the Code's jurisdiction. As natural and mundane as this process has become, we must not forget that we ratify the Code each year for a reason. Even students who disagree with a given code are compelled to follow it or risk separation, and by ratifying the Code each year, we annually reconsider whether there is dissent and whether dissenters should be forced to submit to a process that they do not will. The Code's history indicates that the answer to the first question is usually, “no,” and on the rare occasions when the answer is “yes,” the second question is also answered in the affirmative. We answer this way because there is nothing inherently wrong with dissent. After all, we all signed the Code prior to our enrollment at Haverford, so even if a student doesn't agree with a particular aspect of the Code, she usually agrees with the principles behind it. However, recent events have indicated that this agreement has diminished for a substantial portion of the student body. While I am not certain of this,
and while I agree with the procedures outlined in the Code and the principles behind it, I cannot in good conscience vote to make binding the Honor Code if there is a strong possibility that the principles are not universally supported. I will not pretend that the Spring Plenary of 2010 has not influenced my decision. It is likely that had Plenary maintained quorum throughout the evening and had more resolutions reached a vote, I would be voting in favor of the Code's ratification with no objections. Of course, I have had my doubts this year. Reading the ACB posts, watching the numerous incidents that have taken place this year, and witnessing the contempt many of my classmates show to others and to me, I have wondered whether trust, concern, and respect are really just buzzwords designed to attract college applicants. Each time, however, I convinced myself that it was only a small subsection of the population that acted this way, and that most members of the community stood by the Code. I must confess that I was unable to convince myself of this after this week's Plenary. The failure to maintain quorum demonstrates a startling lack of concern of a large portion of the student body, though this fact has been pointed out by many other people already, and I have little to add to the discussion. Rather, I shall focus on the lack of respect that became evident at this week's Plenary. There are some people who like Plenary; they are a minority. There aren't enough people who want to go to Plenary to make quorum, so in order for Plenary to proceed, a large number of people apathetic or hostile to Plenary must fill the field house each semester. Why do they give 4+ hours of their Sunday evenings to a cause that they don't fully support? I assume that it is out of respect for the community and for the student body's self-governance. While they believe that Plenary is an inefficient waste of time, they show up every semester because they know that it is better than the alternative. It became clear Sunday evening that nearly half of the student body actually falls into a third category of people: people who neither like Plenary nor respect the community enough to show up. Every student on this campus benefits from student government, yet nearly half of the students are free riders, content to have unproctored exams and student-run trials, but unwilling to give a few hours each semester to protect and improve that system. Some might raise this complaint as proof of the absence of concern; I see it as the absence of respect—respect to the students who attended Plenary, respect to the students who drafted resolutions, respect to the students in the late 19th century who convinced their President to allow a student government, and respect to every person affected by the resolutions that did or did not pass. Even less respectful are the students who left Plenary when it was already struggling to maintain quorum. I realize that only a handful of students did this, but the their lack of respect for the community is so blatant that I feel that they must be mentioned. As I listened in horror as the Harrisons repeatedly reported the loss of quorum, I wondered what kind of person could leave Plenary knowing that we are only a few people over quorum. I assume that they were tired. They probably had a major paper due the next day, or perhaps a midterm. They probably had a 5:30 AM practice the next morning. They had already been in that room for hours—didn't they deserve a break? The unfortunate thing about Plenary is that after five hours, we all feel that way, yet somehow most of us stayed. I wondered how the people who left could possibly justify their departure to themselves. How did they convince themselves that they were more deserving than the hundreds of people who stayed? The only possible explanation that I can see is an utter lack of respect for their fellow-students. I realize that my reasons for voting against the ratification of the Honor Code are unorthodox, so let me clarify a few things. First, I am voting against the Honor Code because I perceive voting for
ratification as pledging myself and every other student to stand by the procedures and principles of the code. I have reason to believe that a large number of students have rejected some or all of the principles, and I feel that I have no right to hold them to a standard against their will. This is not to say that all votes without unanimous consent are illegitimate; however, my vote to ratify the Honor Code is a social action, and it therefore falls under the Honor Code as it currently stands. According to the Honor Code, “Our social relationships should be based on mutual respect and concern. We must consider how our words and actions may affect the sense of acceptance essential to an individual’s or group’s participation in the community.” (3.04(b)) I feel that by voting to ratify the Honor Code, I am denying the dissenters' legitimate concerns, and I am therefore failing to foster in them a sense of acceptance; by voting for ratification, I am failing to respect my fellow students. Therefore, I must vote against ratification and hope that if I am correct that the principles are no longer unanimously accepted, we solve this problem amicably and with the full-participation of the student body. Second, the ratification vote is not and should never be a referendum on whether or not we should hold a Special Plenary; barely 575 students were willing to go to a regular Plenary, and I doubt that more than a handful of students genuinely want a Special Plenary. I certainly do not. Third, I do not want the Code to fail ratification. On the contrary, I like the Code; I would not be enrolled here if Haverford did not have an Honor Code. I want to ratify this document, but I must vote against it. I am fully aware of the consequences if the Code is not ratified. If a Special Plenary is called and we cannot reach quorum, or if a Special Plenary is not called, we may even lose the Code altogether. Unfortunately, since my first duty is to the Honor Code, I am unable to decide whether or not to ratify the Code on a teleological basis. Section 3.05 of the Code outlines a rigid procedure for reporting one's own breach to the Honor Council, and this suggests that the code should be followed deontologically. As I have explained above, I consider myself bound by the Code's “trust, concern, and respect” clause to vote against ratification, despite the consequences of the Code's failure. This act may seem silly and counterproductive, but I beg my fellow students to respect my deontological reasoning. It pains me to vote this way, and as a member of the community, I hope that few people vote the way that I am voting today. I hope that the Code gets ratified.

- This has nothing to do with the Plenary business. The social honor code is broken. Specifically, confrontation is a joke. We don't care about one another as a community outside of the academic realm. I can't vote to ratify a document that people don't care about.
- We never finished Plenary, and I feel its important to keep that tradition as part of what Haverford stands for, even if it can sometimes be boring.

**Comments from students who voted “Yes w/ Objections”:**

- I need a means to confront people on the ACBs and related websites.
- 1) Plenary needs to be made more effective and efficient, perhaps by somehow limiting the number of times those not presenting a given resolution may speak, by starting earlier in the day, and by making food more accessible, perhaps via DC catering or similar options (?). People tend to get hungry, tired, and frustrated at Plenary and discussions are often dominated by the same thirty or so people, which discourages future engagement and creates a bad cycle.
After this recent failure, I think Plenary needs to be re-examined. 2) Between the ABCs and GO!, there are a lot of problems with confrontation right now. The internet makes both petty, mean-spirited comments and gross misinterpretations far too easy, and a lot of people use both threads as means to vent long-held frustrations or blow off completely unrelated steam in ways that can be really hurtful, and counterproductive to the goals of confrontation set in the Honor Code. I don't know how to rectify this problem, but it is definitely a big problem.

- A significant portion of the student body doesn't care about the Code, especially the social provisions for which we congratulate ourselves to no end. The Code’s academic provisions are flawed by a strong and persistent bias against meaningful accountability, in favor of clemency. Largely, this is a misguided attempt at restorative justice (an admirable system that does not eschew all forms of punishment). Still, academic trials often create positive outcomes, mostly dependent on the confronted party’s commitment to the process. The social component of the Code plays no meaningful role in the average student’s life at Haverford. Even as regular applicants are baited with promises of utopian community values, many student athletes are recruited by de-emphasizing or misrepresenting the Honor Code. We lie to ourselves, saying buy-in to the system is obligatory. We demand that new students sign the Code before enrolling. We say failure to confront a violation is itself a violation of the Code. We talk, and a meager minority of students listens. For the rest, compliance with the social Honor Code is optional. The surest way to avoid accountability in a social case is to simply refuse to participate in the process. To my knowledge the Dean’s Office has never compelled a student to participate in an Honor Council trial. Despite my deep and longstanding concerns, I now vote to ratify the Honor Code because it still does more good than harm, and I don't believe a Special Plenary at this time would resolve these matters of buy-in, compliance, and representation. Although I will graduate in a few months, I wish the Code well. I hope students cleverer and more dedicated than I will one day resolve the hypocrisy and misrepresentation of the current system.

- Alcohol policy - not strict enough

- Although I would like to vote against the Honor Code in order to call a Special Plenary, validate that students here do care about the Honor Code and its principles, and possibly reform Plenary; the fact of the matter is that I don't have time to attend a Special Plenary. I cannot afford to fall farther behind on my work than I already am. Therefore, although I regret affirming a system that I think we should take a look at, I choose to focus on my academics so that I can graduate.

- Despite doubts from the Haverford community that students no longer care about Plenary and thus its associated set of values, I believe that people DO still care. A suggestion I would have is to improve the way Plenary is 'advertised' - for instance, we need to make it clear before Plenary that it is really important for each individual to attend. I know that many of you worked hard to get that message broadcasted to the community this year, but it needs to be stronger and the way it is communicated needs to be more effective. Tantalize, guilt-trip, etc. Because, it really isn't that people don't care about our community values or Plenary, but sometimes people forget that in the midst of homework/lives/eating/sleeping that this is something important to most people here. We need a more forceful kick in the butt, preferably not after but before Plenary. Other suggestions are running Plenary at a different time (e.g. Thursday? Just not Sunday when everyone's swamped with work and down), having Monday morning off, and asking professors not to have assignments due on the Monday after Plenary. I realize we can bring work to Plenary but it is not the most desirably option for most.
people (you have to bring all your stuff, you might get distracted by friends around you). Let's face it, Plenary runs until around midnight or after (at least for the time I have been at Haverford) and that IS taxing and somewhat difficult in our busy schedules. We should therefore find a way to make it easier to attend if we care so much about Plenary.

- Due to the most recent Plenary and for the general "buzz" on campus, I fear that not enough people are taking the Honor Code seriously. This is very worrisome--I recently took a closed-book take home test and actually wondered whether or not I could trust my classmates not to cheat. I've also noticed that the social Honor Code doesn't always work; confrontations are more rare than they should be. This needs to be fixed!
- Everyone is going to say this, but I agree that the failure of such a large portion of the student body to attend Plenary and the disrespect on both sides that occurred post failed Plenary shows that something in the social Honor Code is broken. I don't know how, but we--as a whole community--need to fix it.
- General apathy and cynicism among the student population sometimes not in keeping with the Code.
- Hard to tell how strictly it is followed by peers.
- Honestly from observation I don't think most people abide by the social aspects of this Code anymore. Maybe not even the academic, but I wouldn't know that. It's silly to even pretend like this matters, but whatever - I don't want a Special Plenary to waste any more of my time.
- Honestly, I think the social portion of the Honor Code is a little bit of a joke. People at this school use it as something to hide behind in order to avoid taking responsibility for themselves and others. It's great that we can drink alcohol in public and everything, but if that's all that we have the Honor Code for, then we should at least be honest about it. I have never seen anyone confront anyone for anything, even though I have seen many things that are confrontation-worthy. Some of this is a failure on my part, but I don't think the atmosphere at this school is conducive to having serious discussions between strangers without having one party getting defensive. I don't know how to fix this. I am not voting against the Code because I had absolutely no problem with quorum failing at Plenary, because I think that was a testament to how much of a waste of time it was becoming. I do not want my no vote lumped in with those no votes. I am worried that a bunch of people are going to vote against the Code and we will have Special Plenary during which everyone is either trying to make people guilty for not caring enough about student government or getting annoyed with those speakers for wasting everyone's time, while we should really be talking about how we can better create an atmosphere where people actually care for and listen to each other. Plus, I don't think we would be able to get quorum at Special Plenary, and I think that the academic part of the Honor Code is great and not worth sacrificing.
- How can we ensure that quorum can be met at Plenary? Having to cancel Plenary makes me want to vote against the ratification of the Honor Code but given its importance in our community, I think there are other alternatives.
- I am almost tempted not to vote for the ratification of the Code in order that a Special Plenary is required so that we can get through the remaining resolutions we couldn't get to at Plenary due to a loss of quorum. I think we seriously need to reconsider the Plenary process in order to maintain quorum in the future, and keep the student body involved.
- I am bothered by the fact that the Code--particularly the social aspects and the alcohol
policy—is disregarded or ignored on a regular basis, at least during my time here.

- I am concerned that the process of confrontation, and more generally involvement of the whole community in maintaining the Code, is not working as it should. I think this because of incidents I have personally witnessed of people not speaking up when they have issues with other people that I believe should be dealt with, and through the recent demonstration that so many people are disaffected with the Plenary process, which is the only means currently available of changing the Code and SC. However, I also suspect that these issues will appear to a certain extent in any honor system like ours working in a group of people as big as ours. Haverford is big enough that some people can feel like an out-group in terms of representation in student government and participation with the Code. Furthermore, people come to Haverford with different levels of willingness to speak out about things they think are wrong, and while I regret that everyone here does not confront things they find objectionable all the time, I don't think it's surprising or very terrible. Most importantly, I think the honor system works well here despite these issues, and will continue to work well. I support improvement in the Code and the honor system whenever and wherever possible, but I think even the system we have is extremely good, and I will be happy to see it continue into the future.

- I am saddened by the failure of Plenary and have misgivings about what it reflects on our community and whether we are truly holding up the Honor Code.

- I am voting for the Honor Code because I believe it is a crucial part of life at Haverford and because I believe in it, but I believe that we as a student body (including myself) continually fail to live up to the standards it dictates. For a crucial example, if the Honor Code were truly believed in, the ACBs would not in the sad state that they are today.

- I am voting to ratify the Honor Code as a Haverford Student is sure that I support most of it; however, I can only ratify it with an objection because 1) I am abroad and have not gone over the Honor Code since last year and 2) because I continue to believe that the Honor Code should extend to staff and that, until it does so, the Haverford community will not exist as fully as a community as it should.

- I attended Spring Plenary and was confused by the turnout. As a freshman, I'm not sure what's "standard" and what's unusual...but it seems that, if our Honor Code functions properly, the entire community (or at least, something closer to the entire community) should support our self-governance and the maintenance of the Code. I'm concerned that less than half of Haverford's student body was willing to stay at Plenary. I don't know how to solve this problem, and I don't know what should be done. I do vote to ratify the Code, because my experience with the Honor Code has been overwhelmingly positive, and I don't think that it needs to be altered significantly. That being said, something needs to change, because I believe that our entire community (as opposed to barely half) should support and participate in Plenary.

- I cannot reasonably vote for the Honor Code without any objections, as it would indicate the Code is without flaw, and that our enforcement and understanding of the Code is not flawed. I feel that there is a non-negligible portion of our campus that has a dangerously wrong understanding of the intention and enforcement of the Code. I don't really want to comment more as I have to go to class. I love you Inez and Gabe.

- I disagree with those who say that lack of quorum at Plenary this semester does not signify some sort of failure of the Honor Code. The portion of the campus that did not come to Plenary essentially discounted the time and opinions of those members of the community who chose to attend. This signifies, in my opinion, a lack of concern and
respect for the people who dedicated their time and energy to sitting in the field house listening to the concerns of their peers and spending their time trying to help the school make constitutional progress. That said, I do not think that a Special Plenary is the way to help this situation, and I am aware that failure to ratify the Honor Code would result in such an event. For this reason, I choose to ratify the Honor Code despite my belief that it failed at this semester's Plenary.

- I do not believe that the spirit of the Code is being followed. Breaches such as stealing from long-term storage indicate to me that the spirit behind parts of the social aspect of are lacking. To have acts such as this commonly accepted means that we are beginning to view it as all right. Furthermore, some members of the community have been confronted numerous times on other issues but are proud of their lack of change. This shows that the spirit is again lacking.

- I don't know if this qualifies as an objection, per se, but I definitely think that some changing of the Plenary process is in order.

- I don't think people follow the academic Honor Code. People cheat all the time, and I don't mean to be judgmental or jump to conclusions, but I know that in certain circles, particularly of certain athletic teams, cheating is condoned. It's a shame, and makes me sad both because those students are not getting as good of an education and because the other students around them appear inferior in comparison.

- I don't think that the social Honor Code works any more. People are afraid to confront each other and it seems like the Haverford community is breaking down. Also, I wish that there was more structure and regulation to Honor Code trials. Also I wish there was more transparency to the Honor Council procedures. Maybe the social Honor Code has become outdated for the current students on our campus. Or maybe the social Honor Code needs to be emphasized to freshmen classes more. People are becoming more and more passive aggressive instead of being honest about their problems. I find more and more often that people do not follow the following recommendation: "we must take upon ourselves individually the responsibilities stated in the Code, or be ourselves in violation of the Code because of our failure to act." I don't think the ideas behind the Code or the language of it is at fault, I think that the students don't accurately follow the Code. How do we fix that? All of these thoughts make me want to vote against the ratification of the Honor Code, but I feel like we'd be worse off without one. I love the Code, I just wish it was followed and that people respected its sentiments.

- I feel as though our Honor Code has become something that we talk about only abstractly -- we have this great Code & it allows us these freedoms. And thus, I feel as though the Honor Code only succeeds in so far as students' own moral principles happen to line up with those inscribed by the Code (that is to say, I have been taught already not to cheat, and whether I've read it or not, the Code, likewise, says not to cheat -- but I am fully aware of the benefit that comes from having that clause in the Code -- I can take self-scheduled, unproctored exams). Do we /really/ know what the Code says, or are we guided by an abstract air of morality? While I think that in terms of academics, we are all more or less aware of the guidelines given in the Honor Code
(which, again, are more or less already socially inscribed principles of morality), I have a problem with succumbing to this same sort of every-man (‘s morality)-for-himself mentality when it comes to the social Honor Code. The very fact that we had a Plenary resolution about creating a party policy which would hold someone accountable is testament enough to me that something about the social Honor Code is failing -- that we are reluctant to place our full trust in a social Honor Code that demands trust, concern, and respect of every single student -- not just from a party host. What I'm trying to say, ultimately, is that I think people like to reap the benefits of our Honor Code without actually working for it, without actually thinking about it and taking it seriously.

- I have a really hard time with the way Plenary went this past Sunday...not being able to keep quorum was ridiculous. This is such a big part of the Haverford community, and if people don't feel that it is important to be at Plenary, than it shows that the Honor Code isn't important either. I personally love the Code because I feel that it is how people should always be treated. However, if the community doesn't believe in it and isn't willing to put in the time to support it, the Code will never hold up.

- I have the sense that it is not completely working (especially with what happened at Plenary) so I think we need to look at it carefully and see if the student body is truly reflecting its values.

- I love the Honor Code for what it represents, and the community it attempts to help create, but I do believe students need to take a more proactive role in improving it. Even though the Honor Code was ratified at Plenary, the student body still had trouble maintaining quorum. We lost it multiple times, and even though the Honor Code was on the agenda, I question how many people actually care about its existence and significance. The Honor Code exemplifies the importance of confrontation as part of student interactions. I do, however, think that a part of the student body still does not understand how to confront, and when is the right time to do so. Instead of simply stating that confrontation is about mutual understanding, the Honor Code should specify an example of a confrontation experience. I understand that the student body does not want to mandate a specific formula for confrontation, but assuming that people will just "find their own method" is unrealistic and nonsensical. Over my four years at Haverford, I have noticed that the community has generally taking a lesser interest in coming to Plenary. Does this mean that students do not really care about the Honor Code? Finally, I would like to suggest that one of the reasons people might overwhelmingly vote for the Honor Code is so we can avoid a Special Plenary. I would argue that if it takes a Special Plenary to solidify the community's understanding of the Honor Code, then we should have it. Sometimes I feel that it will not be until the Honor Code fails that students will finally begin to realize how important it is to the community.

- I love the idea of the Honor Code, but I think that it needs to be reinforced somehow - maybe the HCO position needs to be revamped? I think people tend to forget about the importance of the Honor Code.

- I ratify because I think the Honor Code is an important institution to maintain at Haverford, and NOT because I am content with the current community engagement with the Honor Code. If community attitudes don't change soon, then I think the Code should!

- I think Plenary is in dire need of reform. I love the Honor Code and I want it to succeed, but for it to be legitimate, the process by which we formulate it can't be as
fraught with problems as it currently is. I sat there for five hours while we lost quorum like twelve times, and that's not how good Codes get made.

- I think that if Plenary fails it says something about the state of things and the Honor Code.

- I think that the Honor Code, as a document and as a set of ideals, is awesome (hence my ratification). However, I have real concerns that a large percentage of the campus does not hold themselves to or even aspire to hold themselves to said ideals-- the rampant use of the ACBs to say things that one "cannot" or (more likely) SHOULD not say is evidence of a widespread (how wide is a mystery) weakness of resolve. Passive aggression is displacing confrontation. A weakness of resolve in the social code does not bode well for the academic code. Haverford should be about accountability and honesty, and above all a sense of duty. If Haverford is not even STRIVING to be a place like that, then to keep ratifying the Code is a joke and a lie.

- I think the confrontation and trial procedures are a mess and a failure. From personal experience, I have followed the letter on confrontation and will NOT do so in the future. I vote to ratify ONLY because I think it's better than the alternative.
I think the social aspect of the Code has fallen by the wayside since I was a freshman (and has surely been in decline since long before then). I don't think this has anything to do with the document itself, but rather with how we as a community are engaging with it (or not engaging with it). I'm hesitant to bring up the ACBs, but I think they're a demonstration that there are people on this campus that absolutely do NOT care about their fellow community members. That to me is a complete failure to uphold the honor code, and though I have no idea how we could rectify this, I think it needs to be more closely examined than just some thread on the goboards discussing it. I wonder what kind of community we're even trying to create here. ARE we a community? I feel like to create a real, cohesive community we should be talking to each other and engaging with each other. We should be seeing the social Code in action every day. But though I DO see that in smaller segments of the Haverford population of which I am a part, I don't see it in the larger community. Why is that? What are students' relationship to the Honor Code? Why are they here? I feel like 1200 people is a small enough number that creating a cohesive community is entirely possible, I just don't see it happening.

I worry that we don't implement its ideals into our daily lives. We need to constantly be aiming to maintain a community of trust, concern, respect, and we must re-dedicate ourselves to this mission.

It is only reluctantly that I choose to vote for the code this year, because I feel my vote for it today may help to weaken Haverford's loyalty to it. Spring Plenary did not keep quorum this year. While this does not in and of itself imply that the student body is apathetic about the honor code, it does show that a majority of Haverford is simply not sufficiently engaged in the business of this school; Haverford students, as a body, are not fulfilling their civic duty. This failure, I think, ultimately translates into a weakening of the code's influence over our daily activities. It's not that Haverford believes in the code less; it's just that a large scale skipping of plenary implies a collective disregard of our obligations to other students. The code has not failed, but it has faltered. However, I think I'm going to give the student body the benefit of the doubt. Those who chose not to go to plenary probably didn't realize how they were harming those who did; how they were saving time at others' and ultimately their own expense. A special plenary might really make us collectively realize this fact; but I'm going to put my faith in us that we can do it without an official gathering. 'Fords, tell your friends to go to next Plenary. Don't hesitate to tell them that their decision not to go affects YOU. Be direct; confront; love. I'm going to vote for the code because I still believe we can do that.

I've heard about "confrontations gone wrong," and I'm concerned that the Code does not work well enough in social situations.

Let's actually do it
love the academic, think the social needs to be reconsidered/restructured

My concern for the social code continues to grow. Perhaps I have just become a jaded upperclassman, but I believe that Haverford's social atmosphere is more closed and stagnant than ever. What has happened to our sense of community? What has happened to the openness towards and tolerance of other Haverford students? Something has to give. I hope clearness committee decides to evaluate the social code.

People need to enact not only the academic and social aspects of the Honor Code but also the aspect of social responsibility that it encourages and requires.

Personally, I think the Honor code serves as the guard rails of our community, in theory,
but in practice, few follow it, at least as far as the social code is concerned. They either confront people about simple problems, which in a normal society, wouldn't be a problem, but here through the formal act of confrontation, people seem to take it more seriously and make too much out of too small of issues. On the flip side of the coin, we have the real issues at hand, such as SC not keeping in order with the constitution such as with our presidents taking too much executive privilege and power, and people just letting it slide by. Also, student government is a privilege, not a right, and the narcissistic students of this college seem to forget that. They believe that transparency, even if it breaches confidentiality, is a given right of this college and they deserve to know everything that goes on. Too much transparency clouds the issues. So in all, I vote for the codes ratification, because I believe the academic code works and, even though, by the nature of the students of this college, the code need not be in place academically, as it is just in their nature to be academically honest and true. However, the social code is less than stellar and near nonexistent. I am not even going to get into the alcohol policy and how that tries to justify and illegal act, such that students forget they are doing something illegal when they drink underage and seem to project their responsibility onto others. If we could vote to ratify the social code, separately from the academic, my position would be to not vote for its ratification. Thus as far as the social code is concerned with this issue, I stand outside of consensus if it passes.

- Serious attempts should be made to complement the change in the student body's attitude.
- Students need to remember that we are the upholders of the Honor Code and all that makes Haverford special
- The ACB's as a non-confrontable space, as well as the general attitude of passive-aggressiveness and permissiveness that surrounds social issues. I feel that people will more often than not let issues slide rather than confront someone, and then talk about it to third parties.
- The code does nothing to fight hate speech, particularly the volumes and volumes found on the ACBS. The code should take a stronger stance against this.
- The Code is a great document and seems to work for academic and major social violations. That said I heard third hand about people copying problem sets and everyone knows that minor social violations are ignored (people leaving Gummere a mess, trash scattered on campus on Sunday, the breaking of the gate arm, etc) and those are either referred to as traditions or just ignored even though a substantial portion of the community has an idea who does them. We have to be more honest with ourselves as a community and admit that either the Social Honor Code needs to be changed to reflect that it does not work with minor violations, or we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard as a community. I would object entirely but from what I can see it does work in most blatantly obvious cases and I believe that having a partially ineffective Honor Code is better than no code at all.
- The code is an ideal. I don't think that should change. However, students need to start recognizing it as such. We need to realize that when we will fail to live up to the code, it is not the code that is failing. At the same time, there is room for error. And students need to feel more comfortable stating issues with the code, bringing up possible changes. The code CAN be changed, it CAN be discussed, it can even be wrong. There definitely needs to be a move towards finding some middle ground- not just loving the code or hating it, but an open discussion, an exchange of ideas, moving towards a productive change of the code.
• The code is great, but in practice, people are scared to confront, and the ideals of the social aspect of the code are not always put in to practice.
• The Code sometimes stifles important conversations because people are worried about being too honest and offending others. And it gives students the ability to take ownership of this institution which can sometimes create a sense of entitlement that we abuse. However on the whole, the Code promotes open academic discussions while keeping students conscious of their actions and words. The Honor Code makes students take responsibility for their actions and own the consequences. Those students who are empowered by the Code and its policies and insights strongly outweigh those who abuse its freedoms.
• The Honor Code assumes an engaged, concerned student body; without that basis, the central tenet of the Code fails and it cannot stand. That said, I still believe in the Code's message and presumptions and hope that one failure does not imply a larger collapse.
• the honor code in principle is fine, however, i feel that our community routinely fails to live up to the expectations demanded by the code. i strongly encourage consideration of policies that help Haverfordian's realize that the haverford's community isn't something that they can embrace when convenient for them, and ignore when they have other concerns (like plenary...absolutely ridiculous). if considered policies involved questions of "accountability" in the coming years, then so be it. responsibility requires accountability for one's actions, despite our unwillingness to admit this fact. if I feel that these problems continue to persist, without adequate attempts to forstall them, i will not ratify the honor code in following years.
• The honor code needs to be reassessed next year, maybe even starting this year and be fixed. There needs to be more student involvement.
• The social honor code doesn't exist anymore. Nobody really cares what impact their actions have on the rest of the student body (massive rate of hospitalization even though all the customs training/other prep has remained the same.) We don't want to have honest conversations about how to fix things without legislating(school wide conversation that took place last year when emergency room visits went up/JSAAP sending out pizzas.) Nobody feels like confrontation is a serious option for things to get resolved, I don't blame them and I say that as a huge believer in it. Our sense of community has fractured this year and I seriously considered not ratifying the Code, but I still have some faith in our community, though that'll probably be gone by next year. We are losing the Haverford that you read about in brochures, and at the expense of sounding like the stereotypical ranting Ford, we simply must turn things around before it's too late.
• the social honor code doesn't exist. people don't take it seriously.
• The social honor code isn't followed to it's fullest extent.
• The text meets with my approval and I will vote for its approval as I have every year, but as a graduating senior I have noticed differences between how Haverford depicts itself and my own experience here. What appealed to me about this system was its insistence that ethical behavior is active, not passive. Being a citizen consists not of abstaining from violation of community standards, but actively promoting them. I haven't found this to be the case, at least not in my social circle. Though I am sure I have violated the honor code at least once in my time here, at least on some level, I have never been confronted or even heard the honor code invoked, except while living with my Customs group. However, this is still a good idea, one of the best ones we have, and I vote in favor.
• There seems to be a lack of communication within the community. I understand that there will never be complete unity but I feel as if no one is taking time to listen. I feel troubled by this but personally think that the honor code inspires thought and growth if nothing else.

• While I think elements of the code need to be ratified, I do not think that none of it needs improvement. The need for these improvements was exemplified at our last plenary. For the stability of the community I vote for the honor code, but with very significant objections.

• While I think it's unfortunate that last Sunday's Plenary clearly demonstrates the apathy of a large portion of the student body toward the system of student government here at Haverford, and certainly feel that this needs to be addressed, I do not believe that this is grounds for voting against the ratification of the Honor Code. My objections are not objections to the code per se, but to some of the mechanics of how it is carried out that I believe lead to the pervasive disillusionment that we saw so clearly manifested last weekend. Some may contend that the Honor Code is clearly flawed if people aren't willing to live up to it. This idea is based on a flawed premise, though, namely that agreements that are broken aren't broken because one of the parties involved decided to break the agreement, but because the agreement itself was misguided. Accepting this kind of thinking can have disastrous consequences. Imagine what would happen if we decided that lawbreaking isn't the fault of the criminal, but rather the fault of the law. Applied to our current situation at Haverford, this sort of logic compels two conclusions: 1) that the current Honor Code is someone intrinsically wrongheaded, and 2) that the only solution is to water it down and make it easier for people to comply. Anything short of that does nothing to guarantee that people will abide by it better in the future, and an attempt to argue that changing the Code will somehow convince people to come around isn't really based on the premise I'm arguing against anyway. I do believe that the Code suffers from a problem of compliance; people probably don't go about Confronting others as often as they ought to, they don't see the merit in attending Plenary, etc. But this is not something that can be remedied by "fixing" the Code. What's needed is to make incremental reforms to the system that restore the faith and trust of the student body in its effectiveness. Plenary spends six-and-a-half hours not getting through its own meager agenda. Honor Council releases abstracts that plainly demonstrate that students are asked by professors to turn themselves in for acts of academic dishonesty that were really just academic misunderstandings. These are issues that should and can be addressed with procedural changes. The Honor Code may not be working, but it never made any pretense at being perfect. We cannot continue with business as usual, but neither can we presume that there is any simple solution to the problem at hand.

• Trust, concern and respect are not the institutions here that the Code says they are to be. Though that's more the fault of the student body than the code.

• It's not working as is because people just don't respect it enough to ratify it at plenary

• It seems to me that the honor code and the process of plenary are tied tightly together, and that there is contention over their value in our community. I fear that the honor code and plenary may no longer speak to what our community wants and needs. I believe that continuing to choose ratification of the honor code may fail the integrity of this community, and make a joke of the ideals that the code itself presents. I also think that the code is a set of ideals that cannot meet perfectly the changes in this community and what it desires and needs, but that this has acted to energize peoples interest in the
honor code and our community's relationship to it. I am voting to ratify the honor code at this time to give the student body the chance to work out its relationship to the honor code and our decision making process. If this uncertainty of interest continues in the future, I fear that I will be unable to continue to ratify the code.

- When I applied to Haverford, I never expected that there would be a time when I would seriously consider voting against the Code. The Code was a defining feature of the college, and when I signed it, I knew that it reflected the kind of values I wanted to exhibit in my daily life. Since the failure of quorum at Plenary this Sunday, I've taken as much time as I could to think about what that means for the community and the Code. I can't be sure that the Code is at fault for the loss of quorum, though I do feel that the decision not to remain at Plenary to discuss all resolutions may indicate a lack of respect for those who consider their resolutions worth presenting for community discussion. However, there are also clear flaws in the Plenary system which seem to be likelier culprits. I am somewhat concerned by the claims that people are bringing frivolous resolutions to the table. While I think it might have been good to combine some of the resolutions at this Plenary, I trust that my fellow students brought them to the table because they felt that the topics genuinely needed to be addressed. It is out of respect for my fellow students that I am willing to spend several hours listening to discussion on topics that might not otherwise interest me. I feel that Plenary should be reformed in the following ways: The number of signatures to bring a resolution to Plenary should be increased so that the resolutions brought to Plenary reflect the interests of a greater portion of the student body. There should be procedures in place to allow presenters of resolutions to correct minor errors (or remove lines that create problematic legal implications) without having to collect the signatures for an unfriendly amendment (perhaps these could go directly to a visual ballot). Finally, it should be possible to follow all of the guidelines for Plenary and still finish within the allotted time, which was not the case at this Plenary. While we sometimes spend less than the allotted time discussion resolutions, the amount of time allotted for all of the resolutions in the Plenary procedure should not exceed the time limit for Plenary as a whole (especially given the potential for unfriendly amendments or extensions). That is to say, it should not be impossible to follow all of the rules of Plenary and still not finish (even while retaining quorum). As for the Code itself, I can't say whether any particular member of the community lives by the Code at each moment, but I choose to have the positive expectation that most (if not all) members of the community will try to do so. That does not mean that I feel the Code has no flaws. In particular, I am concerned that the Code and the community have not adequately dealt with the concern of anonymous acts and statements (particularly on the internet). As I write this, I am still struggling with the question of whether or not some of the results of the Plenary loss of quorum constitute a violation of the Code. So, if the community fails to uphold the Code at times (this is true regardless of whether or not the loss of quorum had anything to do with the Code) why should I vote to ratify it? I vote to ratify the Code because I intend to live by it, and, from the discussions that I've had in this past week, I trust that a number of the people around me will as well. The Code is not a perfect document, and we are not perfect people. While some of the response to recent Plenary-related controversy has been less than respectful, it has also sparked a fair amount of conversation that has given me greater respect and insight into how I and others understand and interact with the Code.

- Plenary failed. This is an issue. Something needs to be changed to ensure more attendance to Plenary.
• Plenary is hell of confused, and people aren't happy about it. I feel that it needs to change significantly so that students can feel as though it is a worthwhile endeavor again; however, I disagree with those who want to vote "no" on the Honor Code because of the problems with Plenary; I believe that convening a Special Plenary is unlikely to be successful in the way that people want it to be, and is not worth potentially sacrificing the Honor Code for.
• Plenary needs to be reformed.
• Plenary needs work.
• Section 3.02 sounds fairly redundant, stylistically. If we pass and ratify an honor code, is it necessary to say in that code that the student body supports it?
• this plenary business...
• Seriously guys, let's fix this Plenary shit. I know it's not exactly an objection to the code, but it's a broken system that could use some serious adjustment.
• We need to work out a better system where plenary can actually run efficiently and resolutions can be voted on
• While the Code is essential to life at Haverford, it doesn't seem like most people are doing their job to live by it; if we can't even hold quorum it doesn't seem like the majority of the student body has "collective concern for the maintenance of the community standards reflected in the Code." And while I would love to get together in a Special Plenary to discuss the Code's shortcomings, I have lost the ability to trust Haverford's community to gather and really would not like to be stranded without the Honor Code.
• I want to finish plenary
• We need to address online forms of communication more thoroughly in the honor code - update as media updates!!!!
• It doesn't work, but it is such a special part of the college that I would hate to see it be changed or completely abolished.
• It seemed to fail when it comes in conflict with other codes of conduct ( ie legal.)
• It would be a true delight if people at this school could find it in themselves to get Real instead of drowning in posturing and legalism. I do not give one ghost of a crap about Plenary ending early, certainly not with regards to the ratification of the Honor Code.

**Comments from students who voted “Yes”:**

• I have confidence that there is still an atmosphere of trust, concern, and respect on campus, and that the Honor Code is helping students to maintain this. I affirm the use of confrontation and have faith in the members and procedures of Honor Council.
   In regard to Plenary discussion: While some people have advised voting 'no' on the Code in order to bring a Special Plenary, I do not believe that this is the appropriate avenue. I think that there may be a few problems with the atmosphere or procedures of Plenary right now. More likely, constant loss of quorum is a result of lack of understanding of and discussion or agreement about Plenary’s importance. I do not think students do not attend Plenary because they do not abide by or have trust in the Honor Code or because they have lost faith in the student government. I absolutely affirm the right of students to use their votes as they wish, and especially understand
those who see a very direct link between the Code and Plenary, and worry that apathy or an uninterested attitude is something that may apply to people's feelings about the Honor Code, too. However, I do not feel that the process of Plenary should be equated exactly with the Code. I do not feel that a Special Plenary should be brought solely for the purpose of disproving this “apathy,” but that more discussion of the construction of Plenary (already taking place in Council of 12 meetings, etc.) is productive and needed. I do not feel that the remaining resolutions are of such grave importance that they require a Special Plenary – and in any case, feel that voting the Code down if I have faith in it would not be the appropriate way to have these last resolutions handled. Some are already being handled through different avenues (SC and Bi-Co OneCard Access). I think that if students feel strongly about remaining resolutions, they too should find different avenues, or call for a Special Plenary through signatures, provided they support the Code and believe it is being upheld. Lack of enthusiasm about or understanding of Plenary does not equal lack of faith in or behavior according to the Honor Code. I do not believe it signifies difference in community standards, just that it requires some “tweaking” and more discussion. I believe that the vast majority of students follow the Code. Upon rereading it, I feel that it is essential to maintaining academic and social community at Haverford – both a product of and a contributor to the effectiveness of the Code.

- A failure of plenary does not mean a failure of the code - it means a failure of interest in the issues brought up by the resolutions. I still see the code in action in the way students treat each other, the administration, and the staff with trust, concern and respect every day. Yes, it does not work perfectly all the time, but we need to continue expressing our belief in the code as an ideal to hold ourselves to, even if sometimes we fall short.
- I feel that it completely fulfills my wants from the code, and allows the students to take responsibility.
- The Code dominates academic and social life on campus; without it, Haverford would be a different place.
- After living in the Haverford community for over a semester, I feel the principles of the code I had faith in when pledging along with enrollment paperwork hold true today.
- Although the community has faced some issues lately, in the end, the Honor Code is what binds every individual student to the Haverford community, and is what makes Haverford special.
- As always, I support the Honor Code because it (ideally) fosters the type of community I want to live in. I agree that something needs to be done to provide for confrontations with regard to online posting; hopefully that's something we can get to next year.
- As it exists, I think that the Code is still an accurate reflection of our beliefs and standards as a community.
- Because I believe that even though there have been some issues with the code the document itself and the ideas it represent are not flawed.
- Because I believe that it continues to act as a guideline for the community that I want to be a part of. This community encourages communication and openness as well as investment in the community and personal accountability. Furthermore, I have not significant objections to any of the new resolutions.
- Because I don't feel that the Honor Code has failed me yet.
- Because I enjoy it here the way it is and would like to keep it that way.
- Because I know no other way.
- Because I like it.
• Because I love the Code.
• Because I think it is good the way it is.
• Because I think the code is fine
• Because I think the code is more than just plenary, and I have seen it in action in the way that people treat each other here.
• Because it allows us to govern ourselves with care and consideration for others. The honor code is important in that it creates an environment of collaboration and freedom. Although along with this comes responsibility, I believe the honor code should be ratified and our system of democracy should continue.
• Because it encourages personal responsibility and communication between students.
• Because it is a large part of what makes this school a great place to be.
• Because it is essential to continue enjoying the freedoms we have everyday
• Because it is the awesomest. <3
• Because it's cool
• Because it's my destiny!
• Because the honor code continues to work well at Haverford despite the comments of a few trolls that like to hear themselves speak in front of hundreds of people twice a year at plenary.
• Because the Honor Code represents both the spirit and the mission of Haverford College.
• Because we as students are whiny brats who think the Haverbubble makes us invulnerable to the real world. Thus, until we come upon the conclusion that we are not protected by an Honor Code in the real world, let us bask in this period of Utopia, in comparison to Reality.
• Because when I'm not here next year, I'm going to miss it.
• Cause its AWESOME
• cause that's why I came here
• covers everything I'm concerned about.
• Cuz It rocks my socks.
• Despite its flaws, I believe that the Honor Code is an essential part of the Haverford community, and plays an irreplaceable role in binding us together and affirming the shared values that we strive for.
• Despite its idealism, I feel that it is something that is flexible and changeable. I consider the honor code as a living document, so even if it is imperfect we can always work through it.
• Despite its problems, it's always worked pretty well for us. I was out of town during plenary and missed the hullabaloo, but I feel pretty loyal to the code and I like how it works for me.
• Despite many people's worries that our lackluster display at Plenary reflects the condition of the Honor Code, I believe that the Code is sound. Students need to continue to challenge themselves to live up to it (and I do not believe our troubles at Plenary are related to the Code but instead to our SC Constitution), but the Code does not need to be revised as of now.
• Despite our problems with achieving quorum during plenary, I still think that people at Haverford widely respect the Honor Code and it works well in mediating difficult situations, promoting academic honesty, and generally encouraging trust, concern, and respect between me and my peers.
Despite recent concerns regarding the Honor Code, I feel that the Honor Code continues to remain a strong part of Haverford's Community, and one that I continue to support. Though I do sometimes find shortcomings in the Code (the lack of applicability to large parts of Haverford's non-student community) overall the document is strong and remains valid and effective. While I am disappointed in the failures of this year’s Spring Plenary to maintain quorum, I do not associate this with the failing of the Honor Code or the Student Body, but rather view it as the hemorrhaging of a flawed system. Due attention has been drawn to these problems, and work has begun to rectify them. The fact remains, however, that this is a separate and distinct matter from the Honor Code, which remains, as it has always been, an effective code for the students of Haverford to live by.

Despite the fact that the honor code is at times an imperfect system, it is one which is well suited to the needs of the students of Haverford College and serves as an effective basis for the social and academic behavior of its students. Such a system grants the students of this college important freedoms and gives them an effective framework in which to resolve differences which will undoubtedly arise.

Despite the recent controversy over Plenary, I feel that the Haverford Honor Code is still embodied in the community and practiced daily. It's not worth risking such an integral part of what Haverford is for the sake of Plenary reform politics.

Despite the recent Plenary quorum debacle and questions about how much concern students have for the Code, I believe that it is integral to my experience and Haverford and want to see it prosper. The Honor Code creates an environment where I feel comfortable. I know my peers in class are maintaining academic integrity--I see how much our professors trust us. I also witness the Code in nonacademic living at Haverford, whether it's on a sports team, in a club, or while out and about on a Friday night. I vote to ratify the Code because I still believe in the Code.

Despite the self-righteous underclassmen preaching about plenary and how the Code failed, I believe the Code is as strong as ever. And that students' sense of entitlement is as strong as ever as well.

Even if plenary failed, I think students do still believe in the Honor Code and its values of trust, concern, and respect. We need to find a way to solve this problem of plenary, but I know I still care about the Honor Code.

even though everything is fucked right now... i think losing the honor code would be THE WORST possible thing to have happen... we need some framework to operate within as we try to update our community and our dedication to it as a concept... we need some semblance of order to remain intact.

Even though things seem a bit messed up (Plenary failing), and a lot of doubts have been raised about the alcohol policy, etc., I've reread the honor code, and it seems like these problems are due to other things, like apathy. The honor code is still working...it isn't that we've seen a loss of trust, concern, or respect on campus recently. I really continue to respect this document, and most people I know do as well, regardless of the issues that have come up. And the manner in which we've dealt with these issues is remarkable; something that says a lot about the code, as well as the students on this campus.

For me, the Honor Code's value lies in its spirit and its presence more than anything else. The fact that it is present in our community--that it is something that people think about, talk about, argue about--encourages a way of consciously and deliberately functioning within the community. It reflects an ideal, and so it is certainly not lived up
to in the community, but the consciousness it promotes is incredibly meaningful. In relation to the recent controversy arising from Plenary, I think that the Plenary procedures should be revised, and the lack of quorum reflects weaknesses of the event, not total apathy for the honor code.

- For the freedom and privileges it allows us at Haverford.
- Given the theoretical vision of Haverford, the Honor Code will best serve our community, if people truly abide by the Code. It is a document that encourages a moral and social ethic that is necessary in a college environment like ours, and it also sets Haverford apart from other colleges.
- good stuff.
- Happy 112th birthday, Honor Code! <3
- Haverford is the code, the code Haverford. That is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know.
- Haverford needs it.
- Haverford would be nothing without the Honor Code. Certainly we need to consider students' attitudes towards plenary and how to make that a priority for everyone, not just 568 of us, but that doesn't mean in my eyes that the honor code should go. The Code is what needs to hold us together right now.
- Honor Code is heartbeat of Haverford.
- How could y'all be hypocrites if there were nothing about which to be hypocritical? Just facilitating y'all's BS.
- i <3 the code.
- I <3 the honor code; I don't think the problems surrounding Plenary attendance should in anyway keep it from continuing.
- I agree with both the letter and spirit of the Code.
- I agree with the honor code, and I believe that it makes Haverford a strong and respectful community.
- I agree with the statement and want the honor code to pass.
- I agree with what it says and would like to see its points carried out through the second semester of 2010.
- I agreed with it in its original state, and no significant changes were implemented so as to alter its fabric.
- I am ratifying the Honor Code because this is the reason I came to Haverford and it is very important to me.
- I am voting to ratify the Honor Code because I believe in what it seeks to do: create an atmosphere of trust, respect, and concern that allows us to learn and grow in ways that would not otherwise be possible. The Code informs our relationships with each other and is a vital part of what makes Haverford a community. I see ways that we as a community can live up to it better, but I also see a lot that we are doing right. I believe that this document succeeds in articulating the community values we hold and continue to strive for.
- I am voting to ratify the Honor Code because I believe that it is still effective.
- I believe in its ideals, We've always a ways to go though Haverford is a better place for it I am a better person for it
- i believe in the code and its tenants of respect
- I believe in the Code!
- I believe in the Code's fundamental mission to the college, and that it makes our
community truly unique. I think that this version embodies all of the necessary aspects of our community, and will help us continue our commitment to each other and bringing the best out of one another during our college years and beyond.

- I believe in the community standards, the jurisdiction, and the way in which it is upheld.
- I believe in the Honor Code and that at its foundation it works in the Haverford community. I do not believe that what happened at Plenary means that the Honor Code is broken.
- I believe in the values that it upholds.
- I believe it is an integral, if imperfect, element of Haverford and that it brings about awareness and strength within individuals and the larger community.
- I believe it sets a high standard that we are striving to live up to.
- I believe it still embodies the sense of responsibility and desires of the community.
- I believe that it accomplishes its task as well as any document can.
- I believe that it works as an ideal that Haverford students can work toward. That it is not necessarily an ideal that is met on a day-to-day basis is less a reflection of the failings of the Honor Code itself and more a sign that the student body should try harder.
- I believe that the Code is the basis of understanding and dialog in this community. Though I think it sometimes fails, I believe in upholding the principles of the Honor Code.
- I believe that the code sets us apart from other schools and establishes a relationship of trust between faculty and students as well as between students themselves. While there are obviously limits to what the code can accomplish when not every student upholds it, the code itself is sound and in general sets out an ideal for how we should behave as students and as human beings.
- I believe that the code works to the best of its ability, and that although it may have problems, it can't be perfect.
- I believe that the community described in the preamble should be present at Haverford and that the Honor Code will help create such an environment.
- I believe that the honor code allows us to think and act like adults. And accountability is awesome.
- I believe that the honor code is an important part of this community. It is the reason I came here, and the interactions between students. In addition there is nothing I have thus far read that I am not in agreement with.
- I believe that the honor code reflects the beliefs, morals, and ideals of our student body and is successful in providing a framework for dealing with honor-related issues.
- I believe that we have used proper rationale to come to a consensus.
- I believe the Code is fine as it is and the circus that ensued at plenary had nothing to do with the content of the Code itself.
- I believe the Code itself is appropriate to govern the Haverford community in a way that promotes trust, concern, and respect, but the issue is the community itself in carrying out these qualities.
- I believe the Code itself is valid and effective. The student body's approach to it, however, is problematic at best.
- I believe the Honor Code is an innate and vital aspect of the Haverford community.
- I believe the honor code is an integral part of Haverford and though I, and other
students, believe that there are some ways in which it is not always followed in the ways that it should be - not ratifying it is certainly not the way to solve that problem. It is not a problem with the code itself but people's interpretations of it that are causing problems

- I believe the honor code is centrally important to how Haverford structures its academic and social life. I affirm the code because I believe that the student body should endorse a document that we essentially follow and agree with. We should not take this liberty for granted, or treat it lightly.
- I believe the Honor Code is what defines Haverford.
- I believe the honor Code is what makes this school function properly. It is necessary for the achievement of academic and social superiority we strive for.
- I believe the Honor Code to be the defining face of Haverford College.
- I believe that the Honor Code is a very important factor in how each student experiences their time at Haverford, and honestly since I've been here I've seen only good things come from having it around, so we should keep it that way.
- I came to Ford for 2 things, the theatre program and the Honor Code. One of those hasn’t been what I expected but luckily the theatre program makes up for it. I, like everyone else have my gripes with the Honor Code but will continue to ratify it out of sheer conformity. I always hear the phrase “unproductive censorship” when people talk about the Honor Code but what I hate more is “reproductive censorship” (the ladies know what I’m talking about ;) ). I’m gonna be honest, I’ve never read the social Honor Code and I’ve made it through Haverford on sheer common sense. Have I occasionally taken a friends phone and posted their text on the ACB’s, absolutely. Do I chalk penis drawings outside of Founders, who hasn’t? Still if there’s no honey in this bee hive then what’s this whole thing been about? To me the Honor Code is all about navigating this school not about contributing to it. Watch the social land mines (sexuality, race, Jersey Shore, etc.) and you’ll be fine.
- I came to Haverford for it, I approve of how it holds our social life/academics together
- I chose to live my life as a Haverford student according to the honor code
- I dig it.
- I do not believe that the Honor Code is broken. I believe in the principles of trust, concern, respect, confrontation, and consensus: they are invaluable to my role as a Haverford student and play an integral part in my academic and social life. I am worried that many of my fellow students are blaming the Honor Code for what is, ultimately, our own problem of civic disengagement.
- I do not feel that the honor code should be changed from how it is now.
- I do not see any inherent problems with the code at the moment, therefore I'm totally up for ratifying it.
- I don't believe the Code itself is flawed; Plenary could use some adjustments.
- I don't see too much of a difference between the ratified and the former, but I still think it's all great!
I don't want to have proctored exams.
I enjoy living under the code. some people feel it has flaws. that's fine with me. the fact is, it creates the environment that is open, honest, respectful, and while some people are still assholes, i don’t think changing the code will change that!
I enjoy the type of community the Honor Code creates on campus and I believe that while there may be some minor imperfections in the document, overall, it effectively provides guidelines for implementing the Code on campus.
i feel safe on campus because i know there is a code that we are all following. i also like the values that it stands for. i like knowing that i have power and can act like an adult in our college. our honor code makes us who we are as a community and peers. i want to be trusted, respected and everything that goes with the code.
I feel that for those students who understand the intent of the Honor Code, it serves effectively to guide student conduct both in academic and social settings.
I feel that the emphasis of responsibility not only to act in accordance with the code but to personally confront those we feel in violation of it makes a powerful tool while keeping everyone free to act as they feel appropriate.
I feel that while various segments of the community have recently expressed frustration with the ways in which the Honor Code fails to encapsulate a clear and concrete articulation of the community's values it nonetheless is an excellent document that contributes to Haverford's unique student life. The Honor Code is a significant part of why I came to Haverford. I think that the student body needs to more seriously commit to the social Code.
I feel that, regardless of current quorum-related issues, the Honor Code still plays a central role in the society of Haverford and needs to remain as such.
I feel the honor code is an integral part of what defines our community. The values we ascribe to as students in following the code have a huge, positive impact on student life. i do not believe it is perfect, however I believe that no document is ever perfect, but rather must evolve towards improvement over time. Not having any honor code would be a detriment to this community.
I feel the Honor Code, as is, still reflects my opinion of what the Code should be and how students within the community are supposed to act. I have no significant issues with anything written in the Code.
I find I have always benefited positively from the Code and there's nothing I would want to change.
I fully appreciate the honor code's role in our community, and think that its application into our policies is essential for the Haverford community to function as it does.
I have been pretty happy with the honor code in the past year and a half at haverford, and would like the same principle to continue for this semester.
I have faith in the Honor Council to make an amazing document, and it looks like the Honor Code I have grown to love and admire.
I have no objection to what was ratified.
I have no objections and think that is is well constructed.
I have no objections to the version passed at plenary
I have no objections. Very little has changed since the last code.
I have no problem with the new additions.
I have no reason not to.
I have not seen any problems with the code as it is now socially, academically, or
emotionally on Haverford's campus.

- I have seen the Honor Code very well in the past and, by ratifying it, can only hope that it will continue to work as well in the future.
- I initially placed my faith into Haverford because the community had a goal past just educating its students. I still see Haverford as an institution with a purpose, and whether or not we get there, I believe that having a vision is still a hell of a lot better than not having one. After a year and a half here, I have been disappointed, educated, inspired, enlightened. I've been in denial of how unhappy I've been at times, I've fallen in love with Haverford all over again. I still oscillate between a fervent acceptance of Haverford and the Code and a disillusioned disdain of even the attempt of forming an intentional community. Stuff comes up all the time: issues with the ACBs, the question of how much people really care about Plenary (though I believe that acceptance of Plenary should be seen as a byproduct of the community's growth and not necessarily a reflection of our apathy), daily interactions with confrontation or lack thereof. All of these issues, though, simply point to an otherwise-obvious statement (sometimes blanketed in cries of morality and community standards): we're simply human beings, and we should be allowed to be human. Whether or not individuals here joined the community for the Code or received a rude awakening upon coming, I like to think that spending time at Haverford at least creates some sense of appreciation for something the Code embodies. We're human beings, and we have a document we tend to like, and as a student body our opinions morph and change and some years we're more into it, some years we could care less. The important thing, though, is that it's there, at the very least serving as a topic of discussion that has the potential to unite an entire college (what other school has that??) At most, it's a thought-provoking goal for us to strive for, but (hopefully) never at the cost of sacrificing our individuality or judgment. We're people with different opinions, and no matter what we feel about the Code, we always have the opportunity to change it, or argue about it, or merely see its subtle presence in the background of our interactions ... and the best part for me is that all of these actions work to center the document itself in a sort of endless dialogue between the ideals of Haverford the institution and the ideals of ourselves as individuals. In some sense, it's the dialogue that matters, not the Code itself, but the Code creates, furthers, and strengthens it. And for that, we need it.
- I know that many people have voted against the Code because of what happened at Plenary, but I feel that what happened at Plenary means that having the Honor Code is now more important than ever. We need to re-establish our relationship with the Code, not get rid of it.

**CODE GOOD**

- Life would suck without the Code.
- looks good to me.
- love the code
- notwithstanding recent apathy in the haverford community, i still believe the honor is an essential and integral part of our community
- People are getting their knickers in a knot about it not working. I think they are idealizing some mystic past where you had a chance in hell get 1200 students to all perfectly follow an idealistic document - one that describes a constant goal, rather than reality. Some more elaborations 1) It's true that we lost quorum at plenary... I was there, but it was also my bedtime (12:30 a.m. is pretty late when you have more work to do and get up at 8:00 am) and I do not appreciate feeling like a hostage to fill up quorum to listen to resolutions that I don't
actually care all that much about. And the fact that I don't care about some resolutions doesn't mean I don't care about my classmates - or about this school. I rarely go to the plays my friends are in, no matter how deeply I care about them. 2) Confrontation IS hard. And for all our posturing, we all have our immature moments (and there are plenty of immature old people out there), and no amount of campus scolding or honor-code non-ratification is going to make us grow up faster. We each have to resolve to try our best, and to encourage our friends. But I don't need Honor Council representatives or angry people telling declaring that the sky is falling because sometimes people get offended when you say they're fucking something up. Or, maybe you should have found a more gentle and diplomatic way to deal with the issue at hand. Maybe that would have been the more mature move. 3) Ahh, the ACBs. They are beyond the control of the honor code. Get over it. If you don't like having proof that even Haverfordians can be mean - don't go on, but at the very least it's the one place people can show their real, cranky, silly, angry, mean, caring, depressed, horny selves. And I'd rather see that than believe in some mythical perfect Haverfordian personality. Sometimes I've wished people could confront each other over things said on the ACBs. But there's no way to make that happen. So move on with your lives.

- Please don't take the code away.
- The code tangibly outlines community standards. It includes important aspects for a community including consensus - it recognizes that unity of a people comes from listening to all of their voices and understanding one another. The code asks its community members to be responsible for and to hold each other accountable. It gives a structure that promotes communication and openness through confrontation while at the same time reminding us of our core community values. Although the saying "trust, concern and respect" has become so common that people sometimes forget the depth of this standard, it is important that the code stands as a living document to remind us of what we strive to create. Haverford in some ways is a unique institution because we outline in the code the trust we have in our community. The code reminds us of our commitment to work for our community and at the same time ask our community to work for and support us.

- The Code works. We do not. We should not blame the Code for our own failures, but should instead address ourselves and our community.
- The Code works; stonewalling its ratification because of some largely constructed crisis of confidence is like trying to eliminate the Bill of Rights because not enough people aged 18-24 vote. That there has already been productive discussion about reforming plenary to make sure it runs a bit smoother and keeps people interested is a testament to the ability of Haverford students to keep a level head amidst a wave of alarmism. FOUR MORE YEARS FOUR MORE YEARS FOUR MORE YEARS FOUR MORE YEARS
- The existing Honor Code serves our community well, and I would vote for its ratification under any circumstances. That being said, at this time I am concerned about the interest that has been expressed in voting against the Code as a way of calling a special plenary after the first plenary's failure. I find this to be an unreasonable manipulation of the Code ratification process, and am especially compelled to vote for the Code's ratification to prevent this.
- The honor code allows us to be treated fairly, and equally as adults. I also feel safer here than I do in other places because we have such a strong community. All of this stems from the honor code.
- So far, I think that it works well for the community and that we haven't run into any problems worth changing it for.
- The Code covers everything that I think it should cover. The Code leaves enough responsibility to each individual and upholds the values of trust, concern, and respect.
- The Code fosters a secure environment that enables me to thrive socially and academically.
The code is an essential part of life at Haverford, and while many people are objecting to it based on the failure of plenary, that is not inherently the code's fault, just apathy on the part of the students. While that is a problem, there is nothing inherently wrong with the code or that needs changing. We just need to get more students to actually care about it. The code itself has worked for years with only slight changes, and I think it will continue to do so.

The Code is essential to Haverford's social community, academic integrity, and way of life.

The code is good.

The code is great!

The code is great. It makes the school go round!

The code IS Haverford.

The Code is integral to Haverford as a codification of the community values that bind us and the standards we strive to meet. This elaborated touchstone allows us have articulated community ideals that we can compare our actions to and instigates thoughtful discussions about what it means and what it should mean to be a member of this community. Failures to embody the Code are so momentous because of the importance of the Code and they help stimulate thoughts on how we can better achieve the community embodied in the Code and why we fall short. While apathy is clearly antithetical to the Code, the outrage about losing quorum shows that many of us do care. Our failures of the Code are more visible than our successes, but that shouldn't deter us. At the end of the day, the Code defines Haverford.

The Code is responsible for everything I enjoy at Haverford.

The Code is solid.

The code is what make Haverford great!

The code just makes life better at Haverford!

The code makes Haverford what it is.

The code remains the foundation of the college.

The Honor Code continues to serve a valuable function in this community without which the close-knit atmosphere of trust, concern, and respect would be absent.

The honor code creates an honest environment allowing its student body to focus on learning and profiting from the education. Without the honor code Haverford would not be the unique and special place it is today.

The Honor Code gives Haverford students the ability to have a say in our own self-governance. It allows for a community that values trust concern and respect to prosper.

The honor code has been nothing but great for the past year.

The honor code has enhanced and defined my three years at Haverford. I want this experience to continue through next year and for future 'fords.

The honor code has made my experience at Haverford truly unique. The code is incredibly important in upholding the integrity of the college as well as fostering a respectful and united student body.

The Honor Code has meant so much to me during my time here, both in terms of how I interact with others and how I think of community. I can't imagine Haverford without the Honor Code, and in response to the current debate I think it is important to remember that the Honor Code is what we make of it. If anything is broken, it is our relationship to the Honor Code, and I think it is very important for us all to go back and read the document again and then consider in what ways we need to change our behavior to suit it. There is a problem with people following the Honor Code, not with the Honor Code itself. It is also worth reflecting on how the Honor Code affects our day to day life: take home tests, interactions with our peers and professors, everything, really. The Honor Code doesn't define my life or make me who I am, but it has helped me think about and develop the characteristics that I feel are important to my identity and actions. So, thank you Honor Code. I hope you continue to change with time, inspire
students and community members, remind everyone of the core values of trust, concern, and respect, and promote the need to confront others when we are uncomfortable and initiate constructive dialogue to reach better understanding. I will miss you, I hope I make you proud, and good luck and love.

- The Honor Code has proven again and again that it is a positive force for Haverford that challenges its students to become more socially responsible, considerate people.
- The honor code is a defining feature of Haverford College. Having it makes all of us graduate as better (more trusting, concerned, and respectful) people.
- The Honor Code is a huge part of what makes Haverford Haverford. I am both honored and sad to ratify it one last time!
- The honor code is a large part of the reason I came to Haverford, and I feel that it is the ideal that holds this community together and makes it unique. Although there are some flaws with how it is received by and treated within the community, I feel this document should continue to hold this place together, because Haverford wouldn't be Haverford without it.
- The honor code is a tangible reminder that the community standards of trust, concern, and respect are taken seriously here at Haverford. Whether or not a majority of students choose to attend a student government meeting, I still believe that this document speaks to the kind of environment that is cultivated in this community.
- The Honor Code is an effective way to promote communication and cooperation between members of the community.
- The honor code is an essential part of life on campus. It governs all aspects and without it Haverford would not be the same.
- The honor code is an essential part to student life here at Haverford and should continue to be.
- The Honor Code is an important part of Haverford life.
- The Honor Code is an incredible document that I truly interact with on a day to day basis. It is what allow us to fully explore ourselves and our place in the world and our community. It makes our campus a better place, a more trusting place, a beacon of light and trust. I love the Honor Code. Four years ago I fell in love with it, and while my view and interpretation of it has changed over the years, I continue to be in love with it.
- the honor code is an integral part of Haverford, without it Haverford isn't Haverford.
- The Honor Code is an integral part of the community and allows us to trust each other both academically and socially.
- The honor code is an integral part to the Haverford community. Although I think we could often each be more conscious of the honor code throughout our everyday interactions, it is still important to have it ratified as a living and active document. It's sad that this is my last semester with the code...
- The Honor Code is ballin outrageous.
- The Honor Code is essential to Haverford.
- The honor code is great.
- The honor code is one of the aspects that makes Haverford so unique...whether we realize it or not, the Honor Code brings the campus close.
- The honor code is the best aspect of Haverford's atmosphere
- The honor code is the heart and soul of Haverford College. Without our values of reaching consensus and confrontation in particular, this school would not be the same institution. As a transfer from a University of 15,000 students without an honor code, I can attest that Haverford's honor code provides students with a basis for respectful discourse. The honor code was my basis for transferring to Haverford. I truly hope that the student body decides to ratify it.
· the honor code is the shits
· The Honor Code is what makes Haverford unique and sets it apart from other learning institution. The presence of the HC is conducive to the students at the college and gives students a sense of unity and safety.
· The Honor Code makes our college special and safe.
· the Honor Code rocks
· The Honor Code rocks my socks.
· The Honor Code supports the Haverford Community and promotes the feeling of trust.
· The honor code was the reason I applied to Haverford and keeps our community with that sense of trust, concern and respect.

· The integrity of this school relies on our Honor Code; our entire sense of community, trust, and mutual respect is dependent on the Code, not because we need the Code to force us to act this way, but because the presence of the Code makes us more comfortable doing so.
· The main reason I came to Haverford.
· the number of issues with the code we have each semester is relatively few. furthermore, the reasons issues arise is typically not the fault of the code but the individuals involved.
· The reasons are personal to me, and thus I will withhold writing about them.
· The system is not broken, the community is.
· The values of trust, concern, and respect expressed in the honor code provide a great environment for college life.
· There have been no new proposals that I find particularly disagreeable.
· There may be flaws, but I still trust in the community.
· There may be problems with the way the code is used in the community, but I find no issues within the code itself. The values of trust, concern and respect are important ones and the dual social and academic aspects of the code are crucial to upholding them.
· things could be a hell of a lot worse so clearly the honor code isn't a complete failure
· things seems to be working ok. although lately, i feel the need that the entire community needs to be confronted about the lack of participation during plenary...
· this is what we abide and the whole purpose why i came to haverford. without it we dont have a community, trust or respect. we would be in chaos and i would not enjoy my time here at this college.
· this is what we're about--living in respect of each other. I think the code still upholds this standard and I subscribe to it.
· Vive la code!
· While imperfect, the Code is a living, breathing document and can be changed. It is close enough to perfect for me to ratify.
· While the honor code has its failings and is not enforced properly by the student body who are supposed to uphold it, it provides guidelines for our academic integrity and helps us at least have a mechanism to solve disputes without authority figures. Not ratifying the honor code for reasons such as forcing a special plenary would foolish and stupid.
· While the Honor Code has minor failings at times, the overall spirit remains strong in our student body and is what drives me to be a more ethical person
· Without the Code, we're Swat with lamer parties
· Without the Honor Code, my college experience would have been completely different and far less meaningful.

PLENARY PROBLEMS
Please, people. The honor code is an entity separate from Plenary. If anything needs to be fixed, it is Plenary. I haven't found any more significant breaches of code this year than I did in my first three years here, so there is no reason not to ratify. It's not perfect, but it's certainly not broken.

Plenary and the Honor Code are not the same thing. I have no objections to the honor code.

Plenary is hell of confused, and people aren't happy about it. I feel that it needs to change significantly so that students can feel as though it is a worthwhile endeavor again; however, I disagree with those who want to vote "no" on the Honor Code because of the problems with Plenary; I believe that convening a Special Plenary is unlikely to be successful in the way that people want it to be, and is not worth potentially sacrificing the Honor Code for.

Plenary is not the be-all, end-all of the Honor Code, and I strongly believe that apathy towards the former does NOT mean apathy towards the latter. The issues confronting us as a community now, re: Plenary (and possibly student government?) have nothing to do with disrespect or ambivalence towards the Code. In fact, I don't think we could have productive discussions about the rest of our student culture without the Code and its values as they now stand. The Code is not "broken," and it needs to be reaffirmed if we are to fix the REAL problems confronting us.

Problems are with PLENARY, not with the Code. If people don't want to come to plenary, or do go to plenary and sit there doing homework and not vote, that is their choice to abstain from the political process, and the rest of us should not have to be dependent on their whims. Scrap quorum.

code isn't plenary

The Code itself has, as far as I can tell, been functioning as intended. All the Plenary issues are unrelated to the Code in my eyes, and it is important to me that the document is not negatively affected by the ordeal.

The code rocks! It is our college admissions policy that needs to reevaluated, not Plenary.

The fault of Spring Plenary failing lies not with the honor Code: it lies with the design of other parts of the Student's Constitution. Plenary needs to be made easy to attend. Yes, I am concerned about the apathy of the student body, but I also feel that the student body should realize that their feeling of apathy means they should get more active, not less.

The Honor Code and Plenary are two different things. The Honor code works, Plenary doesn't

The Honor Code has, to my eyes, served the Haverford community well. Any changes that need to be made in regards to Plenary should be done by changing students' minds about it, not changing the Code.

The honor code is an excellent document and a great way to live. I am disappointed by the execution of the code but not the code itself. I am disappointed that many do not confront when they know someone is acting in opposition to the code. I am disappointed that confrontations are often not taken seriously. I am disappointed that we do not engage in and think critically about the code as much as we should. I am disappointed that plenary failed. However I love the code and I believe it deserves to stay.

The Honor Code keeps Haverford functioning as Haverford- self-scheduled exams, trust, concern & respect, etc. Although the ending of Plenary was disappointing, I do not think this is a reason to not vote for the code. This is an issue of how the student body respects our right to make changes in the school, and an important issue, but I do not see it as a reason to vote against the Honor Code that, to me, is a big part of what I like about Haverford.

The Honor Code works. Plenary was a disaster, but I don't think that had anything to do with the Honor Code.
· There is a problem, to be sure, but the problem is not with the code. Rather, I believe the problem to be with plenary. As much as people complain about the problems at Haverford, the fact of the matter is we are far better at dealing with virtually every serious issue than any college I've heard about from my friends. We need to reform plenary, but I think the code works to a very large degree, and it should be ratified by the student body.

· When Haverford students interact, the Honor Code serves as a common set of expectations. It establishes a common ground that I expect to share with other members of my community, even when I would seem to have no other grounds on which to base any expectations of such diverse and free-thinking people as members of the Haverford community. It holds me and my fellow students to a standard of academic honesty that causes people to perform in their best good faith on class assignments. The loss of quorum 74% of the way through Plenary, though disappointing, is an honest reflection of majority student interest in Plenary proposals this semester, and does not merit any sort of punishment by removing the Honor Code that was voted upon successfully at that Plenary.

· While clearly the failure of Plenary this year suggests that there is something the student body should discuss, I still want to ratify the Honor Code because it embodies the spirit of what the school tries to achieve. The ideas it includes are very important and I don't think that failing it would address the issue that occurred with Plenary.

· While I remain disappointed about spring plenary, it in no way affects how I feel about the Honor Code. Yes, they are related, but I believe that the main reason people didn't come to plenary (however silly it may sound) was because they didn't think it was worth their time. Maybe it's time we reevaluate how plenary is held--earlier start times, higher amounts of signatures required to even get a resolution on the schedule--so that our time spent together as a community is more efficient.

· While people might argue that the most recent plenary was an example of the failure of the honor code, I feel that the dialogue that resulted shows the ways in which people are still engaged with the honor code. It may not be perfect, and it may not always work, but the point of the honor code is that we as a community have to try. I think we are continuing to do that, and that means the code is alive and well. Only in a utopian world would the lofty ideals we aim for be achieved 100%.

· Though plenary seems to be somewhat ineffective of late, I do not believe this reflects negatively upon the code, but rather on the resolutions that are brought to plenary. The code is the heart of academic and social life at Haverford, and I think people become so used to living under it that they fail to see the huge impact it makes in comparison to life outside the Haverbubble. The Honor Code was one of the primary reasons I chose to attend Haverford, and though, like any system, it has some flaws, I believe it is working well and should remain instated while we work to remedy any flaws it may contain.

· I like the honor code.
· I like how it makes life here easy and good.
· I like the environment that the Honor Code fosters among students at Haverford. I think it is unique--I have not found it at other schools, even small liberal arts colleges.
· I like the honor code and the independence it allows for us students. I strongly oppose those who would ruin the honor code out of misplaced anger.
· I like things to be the same

· I LOVE TAKE HOME EXAMSSSSSSS!
· It allows me to take test at home in a more relaxed environment. It also fosters a more caring environment.
I love the code. It is the glue that binds our loving community.
I think it's beneficial to the campus atmosphere.
I really appreciate what the kind of community that our honor code fosters
I love the code. It ensures that the Haverford student body is made up of people with integrity.
I love the Honor Code and believe it is essential to Haverford's academic and social atmosphere.
I love following the honor code and living in a community where every lives by the honor code.

I realize that the problems with Plenary are not directly related to the Code.
It has nothing to do with whether I like plenary. The honor code works pretty well in my opinion and I support its continued existence.
I think that the code itself works quite well for Haverford. However, I do think that Plenary needs to be reformed. Such a major part of the process of self-governance on our campus needs to be reassessed. I think that Plenary (specifically the goal of its implementation) is an integral part of the code. For this reason I think that there is a problem with Plenary, a problem that needs to be addressed as it pertains to the student body's relationship to the code.
I think the apathy people have been talking about is related to fault in the way Plenary is conducted, not in the Honor Code itself. I still love the Honor Code and its place in my life and our lives here.
I think in light of the problems with Plenary, it is even more important that the student community be reminded of the promise we made to each other when we entered this school. We need to work together and not let unnecessary amounts of procedure hinder real action. I believe that the Honor Code will help this by engendering a more open community spirit in all of us.
I think that as an ideal to strive for, the Honor Code works. I recognize that there will always be people who don't necessarily follow it, but I believe that does not reflect on the Honor Code, but rather on those individuals. I do not think Spring plenary demonstrates in any way that the Honor Code has "failed" or is useless.
I see the failures attributed to the honor code as a greater reflection on shortcomings of the student body.

I think that the code is vital to the Haverford community.
It is a great set of codes for behavior and relations among students and faculty--- creates a trusting, respectful environment.
It is a fair document that seeks to uphold community standards in the social and academic realms
It is a good ideal to strive for as a community.
I think that the honor code benefits the community of the college.
I think that the honor code is important to the Haverford Community. While I think there are ways that it doesn't always work perfectly, it is an important document.

I support it.
I support the changes made, and have no real objections to it or any other part of the code.
I supported the Code to begin with and vote for its ratification so that the values behind it will continue.
I think it is good as is for now.
I think it is in good shape and I believe in what it stands for. We wouldn't be Haverford without our Honor Code.
I think it's is fine as is, and I don't have any objections.
I still agree with everything in the Honor Code.
I think it is important to the functioning of our college and community. I appreciate the freedom it provides me as a student and a citizen.

I think it's effective, integral to the thus-far-successful structure of our school, and generally awesome!

I think that the Honor Code serves Haverford well by providing both academic and social guidelines that foster the type of community that we are able to maintain.

I think it works very well

It has worked well in the past. It would be a shame for those who are angry about the failure of plenary to bring down the honor code irrationally.

It has been working so far, and I approve.

I think the code works well so there is no reason to change it.

It is fully functional.

It seems to be working and I like that students have a say.

It still works, even if Plenary takes too long.

It works for me...

It works well enough and keeps this school sane.

It works!

It works. Spring plenary wasn't the end of the code.

It works. It makes Haverford cooler than elsewhere.

It's an important part of Haverford and it works for the most part.

I think the Code is an essential part of Haverford, and should be ratified.

Important to the culture at Haverford, and it is one of the reasons I chose to come to this school

It defines our institution as some place where we entrust our peers with responsibility for the communal well being.

It embodies everything that is great about Haverford.

It fosters a sense of maturity among those who are held responsible under it. It solidifies the ideas of mutual respect, order, academic honesty, and even if it doesn't work all the time at Haverford, it pushes the community to work towards these ideals.

It is an integral part of the Haverford community.

It is necessary for Haverford life, academic and social, to function at its best.

It is such a large component of our community it must remain in place.

It sufficiently maintains an environment of concern and respect, which are basic assets to Haverford's existence.

It's a huge part of HC and I have no qualms with it.

It's an important part the Haverford community. Not having it would be a blow to how things work around here.

It's an asset to our school

It's an integral part of student life at this school.

It's necessity for the continued successful functioning of our community, it's basis in trust, concern and respect.

It's needed for our school to be unique and work. Without it, our school is not the same.

I remain committed to the academic and personal conduct standards espoused by the code.

I live by and love the code every day!

I still believe. Confrontation worked for me tonight--I make the Honor Code work on a daily basis.
- It has not changed in such a way as to cause me to change my position from last year.
- It still upholds the institution's, and my individual values.
- It sets a standard for self-governance that, while not flawless, I find quite effective and efficient.
- It is a symbol of the trust that connects this community.
- It is a good-willed document which lays out the foundation of our academic and social framework. Some might say that the Code is broken because the we had to close the last Plenary because we could not maintain quorum. This seems like a problem of the community members rather than the document that binds them.

- **IT IS GREAT!!**
  - It's cool
  - IT ROCKS
  - It sounded good.
  - its a good document
  - It's awesome
  - It's da bomb.
  - It's fantastic.
  - its glorious
  - it’s good.
  - It's great.
  - It's lovely.
  - its nice
  - it's the best
  - its overall awesomeness
  - it's wonderful!

- **I think the Honor Code makes Haverford a better place to be a student and a better community socially. It would be a disaster if we didn't ratify it.**
  - I think the Honor Code helps make Haverford students more considerate and thoughtful of other people in general.
  - It encourages community and trust
  - It establishes that we ought to hold one another responsible for the environment we create for others. Though this is hard at times it is the base from which we build community.
  - It is built on trust and respect between everyone and that is something I want to always be able to believe in.
  - It is the document that helps define and keep the high standards that all students, staff and faculty need to follow in order to have the college community.
  - It is the underlying document that manages our everyday interactions, allowing faculty and student body the freedom and atmosphere to pursue academic endeavors and communicate in meaningful and engaging style.
  - It justly represents the student body's beliefs of honesty, respect, and community.
  - it keeps Haverford's community an actual community with a set respectable social structure.
  - It keeps our community functioning well and guides academic and social interactions in a positive way.
  - It promotes integrity for students while providing trust. It also helps that we can schedule our own tests at times.
  - I think the Honor Code sets reasonable guidelines for what one would expect out of a community. It doesn't firmly state what we should do, but gives understandable suggestions that the community can interpret.
- it persuades happy kids to come to Haverford.
  - It's a nice selling point for prospectives. As for the whether the honor code works, I guess it does by setting a higher standard.
  - It continues to contribute to our student body by insuring that incoming students are attracted to Haverford because of its moral integrity.
  - It has become one of the reasons I am here at Haverford. It is integral to our community. And while there is a chance that we would still act the same way without a code, having one is a message to future students and to ourselves about our values and beliefs.
  - It has served me well for 3 1/2 years and hope it will continue to do so for students after I graduate.

- It's what makes Haverford unique.
  - I think the honor code (particularly the idea of confrontation) is a unique and valuable part of this community. It is not too specific, and not too ambiguous. I like the honor code the way it is.

- It needs to survive. It's what makes this school special.
  - It is a vital part of the community. It did not fail at plenary - people failed at plenary.
  - It is absolutely necessary in order to foster a respectful and honest academic and social environment.
  - I would feel distinctly uncomfortable if the Honor Code did not pass. I feel like it is an essential aspect of my Haverford College experience and was one of the reasons I chose to come to Haverford.
  - It's the best thing about Haverford.
  - It's the most important part of Haverford. Even if it is not as robust as it should be on campus, we need to ratify it so that we can regenerate it and make Haverford what it should be.

- I think the Honor Code works as a document, but it's still a matter of students being willing to uphold and believe in its values. I'd like to think that I do, but I also think that there's a lot of room for discussion regarding it that maybe in light of recent events should be had.

- I vote for its ratification because I believe the honor code is the real manifestation of our community's standards. When we abandon dialogue, openness and consensus our community fades from the ideals we all should strive for. However, I should add that although the honor code is paramount to the successful conviviality of Haverford, we must do more to confront violence against those in our community. To that end, it starts by recognizing the honor code is a means to harmony and consensus in the community not the end itself.

- I want it to work, but it has to prove it.

- I'm idealistic.

- I'm voting to ratify the Honor Code because I believe in its values and the will of the community to uphold them. I have thought about this more carefully this year than any other, and am even more committed in voting yes because of thinking brought on by the flawed "vote no" ideas brought on by frustration over last week's plenary. Although the process of plenary is obviously in need of review and reform, I adamantly reject others' efforts to hold the Code hostage in order to punish those who didn't attend, or to use a Special Plenary to threaten the student body with and bully attendance. A Special Plenary is not supposed to be an "or-else" consequence but something to be held in a time of sincere trouble with the content or upholding of the code. It would be dishonest to reject the Code in
hopes of holding one. I believe in the student body's commitment to the Honor Code, and losing quorum at Plenary is no reason to use its ratification as a bargaining chip. I am ratifying the Code because I believe in it, and I hope others who feel similarly do as well.

· In my four years here, my thoughts on the Code have changed many times. When I looked at Haverford, and arrived as a Freshman, it was a beautiful symbol of what made this a trusting, welcoming place that fosters growth of mind and heart. As I grew (certainly in mind and hopefully in heart), I came to realize that the Code is more than a symbol. It is composed of actual words that were carefully contemplated so as to create the community that I once thought the Code symbolized. In actuality, the Code was a set of guidelines, which I have tried hard to follow in my years here. Now, as a senior, having seen some of the occasions on which the honor code has failed, the commitment of students to the community has faltered (i.e. plenary 2010), and the holes that exist in it which I've noticed but never, in my complacent Haverford existence, bothered to point out or question, I return to my belief that the Code is a symbol. It is a symbol of why students at Haverford love Haverford, and it encourages the attraction of a student body with this sort of love for Haverford. I vote for its ratification, knowing full well it is not perfect, but in keeping with my status as a non-gutsy Haverford student, not bothering to make the objections...

· In practice, laws and codes are never fully adhered to. They provide a guideline, a statement of purpose, and represent the aspirations of a community. The Code is idealist and not practically, fully functional, but I would say that reflects the nature of rules and codes themselves rather than a weakness on the part of the Code. But living in the presence of a code is better than living without a code, because in the former situation you are made more aware of your actions and attitudes. The Honor Code works for the way I interact with and within the Haverford community, even if I don't always adhere to it. To proclaim the code to be broken or faulty because it is not rigorously adhered to is not a convincing argument. I still think we're better off with the Code, even if it's only background music, than without a Code, in which case there would be no basis for discussions of our responsibilities to the community. I want to continue to be held accountable for my actions, not by the regulations of unfamiliar rule makers that govern at other schools, but by (at least partially) a relatively agreed upon ethos.

· It definitely is imperfect, seeing as people don't always follow it, but it's the best we can currently come up with.

· I probably should, it seems good... OK because I go to Haverford.

· It is most appropriate to Haverford at the present time.

· I think that the Code is generally working. I disagree with the people who think that the Plenary fail was an Honor Code fail. The community does not follow the Code perfectly, of course. Confrontation should be done more often, but it is HARD. No one should think that truly following the Honor Code is easy. Not cheating is easy, but there is so much more to the Code that that. It is a full community-wide commitment to truth and respect (and concern and trust).

· It's imperfect for sure, but its ideals help tie Haverford together.

· it's the reason I came to Haverford

· Its too good not to vote for
- It's totally sweet my shit never gets stolen
- leads to great academics
- I think that the Haverford community generally functions very smoothly and we should consider more thoroughly, for a longer period of time, before we make such a large decision to not ratify.