THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041

THE HONOR CODE

Section 1. Standards
Each student shall accept the Haverford Honor Code realizing that it is his responsibility to uphold the Honor Code and the attitude of personal and collective honor on which it is based.

The goal of the Honor Code is to encourage individuals to develop responsible judgment capable of directing their conduct as active members of the community. The code demands that every individual in the community be aware of his own standards of behavior in relation to the standards of others. Upon entering Haverford College, every student must make the following pledge: I hereby accept the Haverford Honor Code and the attitude of personal and collective honor on which it is based. This attitude is manifested in confrontation, respect, concern, and discretion.

In its broadest sense, confrontation is communication. A confrontation means subjecting one's beliefs and those of others to new examination. It is not a unique or limited process; it is simply the dialogue which logically should occur between persons with different standards—an expression of concern and the need to understand the standards of others. A confrontation is not an inquisition, but rather an exchange of values. The process of forming personal standards involves both interpersonal and personal confrontation. These standards then form the basis of community at Haverford College and provide the necessary standards of community life.

Respect is the attitude necessary for confrontation to occur and entails the recognition of other individuals as members of the community. Discretion is the manifestation of respect in one's interaction with others. The fact that an individual is morally at peace with his actions does not confer the right to impose his existence upon the sensitivities of others. The practice of respect and discretion is an admission that one's own beliefs are wrong, but rather a recognition of and a concern for the community of which one is a part.

The code emphasizes the dual necessity of personal freedom and community life. The individual is obligated to make decisions under the scrutiny of his conscience, to challenge and accept the challenge of others whose views differ from his own, and to modify those decisions if it becomes clear that they were made upon an unsatisfactory basis. It is imperative that the attitude of personal and collective honor not be limited by any rigid definition of the words used herein to describe it. The vagueness of these precepts raises many questions; but they are healthy questions which must be answered, not by the external authority of others, but rather by the individual with the help of the concerned individuals who comprise the college community.

Section 2. Implementation
1. A plenary session of the Students' Association shall be held during the first three weeks of the second semester of each year to formulate a set of specific concerns to implement the standards of the Honor Code. These specific concerns shall be determined by the conduct which they must observe under the standards of the Honor Code set forth in Article VI, Section 1. Though different Honor Code Councils may interpret specific matters pertaining to the Honor Code in different ways, any legislative action of a plenary session of the Students' Association can maintain or change the details of the specific concerns.

2. Each entering student shall, upon his agreement to enroll at Haverford College, sign the following pledge: I accept the Haverford Honor Code realizing that it is my responsibility to uphold the Honor Code and the attitude of personal and collective honor on which it is based.

3. After each of his examinations each student shall sign on his examination paper the following pledge: I accept full responsibility under the Haverford Honor Code for my conduct on this examination.

Section 3. Reporting Procedure
The student who believes that his actions may be in conflict with the principles of responsibility and respect inherent in the Honor Code shall discuss the matter immediately with a member of the Honor Code Council. If he believes that the actions of another may be in conflict with the Honor Code, he shall discuss the matter immediately with the individual concerned. If after discussion either student finds said actions to be in possible conflict with the Honor Code, the student whose actions are in question shall bring the matter to a member of the Honor Code Council. If the matter cannot be resolved on this level, it then comes to the entire Council.

SPECIFIC CONCERNS

Arising from personal concerns, there are a number of questions that become specific community concerns. An opinion is voiced by the community in these particular areas and codified in the following sections.

A. Academic Work
Each student shall be responsible for his proper conduct in all scholastic work. During examinations: (1) No student shall give or receive aid. (2) No person shall act as an official proctor. (3) Students shall obey all restrictions which the professor may prescribe. In the preparation of papers: (1) A student shall never represent another person's ideas or scholarship as his own. He shall indicate his sources by using, where appropriate, quotation marks, footnotes, and a bibliography. (2) Professors prescribe sources on the sources to be used, and material aids to be used. In the preparation of papers: (1) A student shall never represent another person's ideas or scholarship as his own. He shall indicate his sources by using, where appropriate, quotation marks, footnotes, and a bibliography. (2) Professors prescribe sources on the sources to be used, and material aids to be used. 