

Honor Council Minutes
September 27, 1987

All present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Plomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu.

We began with a moment of silence and then introduced ourselves. Steven laid out the general agenda for the rest of the semester, beginning with the statement that the student community may raise issues which we will have to address.

The first project of this semester is sending letters and copies of the Honor Code to the new faculty members to acquaint them with this system of trust. This should be done by next week.

Honor Council was invited to participate in a conference at West Point on Honor Codes. We decided it would be beneficial to send five members to learn about Honor codes in the military, compare them to the arrangement here, and contribute our own input. Kate, Steven Kirz, John, Ron and Jess volunteered to attend on October 21st to the 25th.

During the second half of meeting, we considered various forums to encourage discussion on the Honor Code with the community this semester. There will be an Honor Code Retreat on November 1st, but it was not clear to what extent Council will be involved. Sometime after this Retreat, we might have a Collection set aside to discuss Honor Code topics, such as the burning question, "What is the relationship between the students, the Honor Code, and DAKA, the food service?". Issues such as this might be introduced on the S.C. board or in The News prior to a community meeting.

We will continue the custom of inviting students at random (and perhaps entire customs groups) at random to attend these Sunday evening meetings. Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting without a formal invitation.

Quote of the week: "We don't have to do a lot of things, but we do have to do a few things well" - Steven Hecht, Chairperson.

Honor Council Minutes
October 7, 1987

All present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Bonland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Maria Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Marlman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.

Steven urged new members to read the McKay report, past Honor Council Abstracts, and to reread the Honor Code in lieu of a formal orientation to Council. The binder containing abstracts, by the way, is available to all community members in the library reserve collection.

Next meeting will be on the Tuesday after Fall break. In future meetings, we can be looking forward to having Steve Cary possibly speaking about consensus, and Rick Webb, concerning mediation, as well as other pertinent speakers.

The next new business item was the Honor Council Collection, which is to be on November 10. There will probably be unresolved issues remaining from the Honor Code Retreat. In addition, the community is urged to air their concerns at Collection, or better yet, to bring them to Council members prior to that date.

Generally, the rest of the meeting concerned confidential matters. Council approved the "Debbie" abstract for release following Fall Break, and tentatively approved another abstract.

Finally, concerning the aim of the Honor Council, Steven reminded us all that we are working for "the best interests of the community."

Honor Council Minutes
October 13, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Peter Borland and Marla Head, still enjoying Fall Break.

We went over some preliminary business before attacking the meat of the meeting:

The MacKay report is being passed among members; perhaps Professor Colin MacKay will be a guest at a future meeting to tell us what he thinks has happened since the 1983 report.

Steven Kirz and Ron are going to the West Point Conference on Honor Codes. They will be making a short presentation there (audio-visual equipment available) and getting a taste for what Honor Codes are like at other institutions.

The last item on the new business menu concerned a letter from Dean Matthews Hamabata. He said there had been a racial incident at a recent party, and he felt this was the result of an institutional attitude and not the attitude of one individual. Therefore he was having a dinner meeting on the 21st to address this concern, and as representatives of the moral flavor of the college, he was extending his invitation to the Honor Council. Jess, Jon, Kate, Steven Hecht, Dave, Christopher, Mike, Mimi and Leanne agreed to attend.

We spent the rest of the meeting chewing over the rough draft of a letter to the community written in response to a concern brought by a student and reinforced by DAKA supervisor Connie Tankard. The specific subject is taking food out of the Dining Center; the larger subject is the lack of respect students seem to have toward the Dining Center rules. Honor Council members Jess, Marla, Steven Kirz and John wrote the letter, which will be appearing in the November 30 issue of The News.

One of the first things we considered was whether it was right for us to take a stance or whether we should treat this letter as an open question to the community. (We should say this letter is meant to make the community think about this incident and whether it was a violation. "It's humble, it's nice, it's true" - John Markman). We considered the tone of the letter, the quality of the prose, and whether, at nine paragraphs, it was too long to command

attention. ("We shouldn't mind using the word 'consider', because it isn't redundant, it's recurring" - Steven Hecht). We talked about whether we were justified in comparing academic violations, to social violations, to shoplifting from the Bookstore, with taking advantage of the Dining Center. ("And we (meaning Honor Council members) look at breakfast differently" - John Markman). Part of the problem may be that we aren't sure what the exact rules are.

Steven Kirz pointed out that the way we rationalize our treatment of the Dining Center is potentially the same way we might rationalize breaking an academic rule. "It's totally relative", he said -- a hundred years ago it would be unheard of for a racist or sexist incident to be brought before Honor Council. In the case of the Dining Center, people think that stealing isn't always a moral wrong. "Here's the line -- is it always wrong to cross it?" - Steven Kirz.

There was no confidential business. We have a social dinner on Saturday night in Paoli. Next week's meeting: Sunday, October 18 at 5:00. Two Customs groups will be invited to attend.

Honor Council Minutes
October 18, 1987

All present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Leanne Yanabu, and several guest members of HPA.

New business: The University of Virginia sent us a questionnaire about the Honor Code at Haverford. Kate volunteered to fill out the "relatively painless" form.
Old business: Members of council were urged once again to read the Mackay report since Professor Mackay will be present at next week's meeting. The social dinner in Paoli was postponed until later in the semester.

The first major topic of discussion was the October 21 West Point Honor Code Conference. Steve Kirz and Ron asked us which parts of the Honor Code we felt were most crucial, and whether we had any novel ideas for presenting them. "We were thinking about bringing a camera around on campus and offending people, and filming the (resulting) confrontations." - Steven Kirz. Council brought up several important points, such as the autonomy of the council, that the Honor Code is an active document, that is, it undergoes changes as our times change, and that while the Honor Council does not actively investigate student affairs, people bring issues of concern to its attention.

We turned to discussion on the revised Dining Center letter. Tamara and Leanne proposed rewritten versions of the letter's penultimate paragraph. As the meeting progressed we were less clear as to where we stood now, what we wanted to say, or what the final letter should address. We were not sure whether its purpose was to promote community discussion or to unequivocally state that Dining Center violations are as serious as academic violations. Jon said, suppose one day a person not only cheats on an exam, he also steals a sandwich out of the Dining Center. Then he goes and reports himself to Council. Which violation do we deal with? Of course we treat the academic problem more harshly, but if we don't address the food problem, it could get worse. One day it's eight Cheerios and the next day entire entrees go out the door.

Tag ends of the meeting followed. The chairman mentioned that a freshman had a car on campus, which is not allowed, according to the Student Handbook. We agreed that this matter was not within the jurisdiction of Honor Council and should be referred to the administration.

Finally, Council approved the "Greg and Margarita" abstract in record time.

Honor Council Minutes
October 25, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steve Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu.
Absent: Christopher Ptomey.

No members of the community were present tonight and because we had too much business left over from last week, Professor Colin MacKay was not invited to speak either. He will be present in the future.

The Honor Council's social dinner was moved to November 11.

This week's meeting was a hodgepodge of old business. Ron and Steve Kirz came back all fired up from the West Point conference. In a brief report, Ron said that the West Point organizers will send their own write-up of the conference which we can look at next week. Ron said they were impressed by the genial hospitality of the West Point hosts, but were bothered by the arrogance of some of the other participants. He mentioned that at other schools, the honor code is treated as something which "you'd better obey or else", and that once you graduate, the code is no longer relevant. He said, "You'd be surprised at the things people get kicked out for."

We next dealt with the Dining Center letter. Steve Kirz pointed out that we have neglected to bridge the breach of trust between DAKA and the student taking food from it in the letter which the council has been writing. Council decided to toss the letter and instead send out something similar to an abstract. In addition, members of council were free to write separate letters of their own to the News regarding violations of Dining Center rules. It was hoped that these letters would generate community discussion.

Last Wednesday night, Dean Matthews Hamabata met with members of campus minority groups and several Honor Council members, regarding incidents of racism at Haverford. Members of Asian Students Association, the Black Students League, and Puerto Rican Students at Haverford spoke about their perception of racism as an institutional and an individual attitude problem. Two major concerns were that customs week did not make it clear that racism was a problem at Haverford which could be addressed by Honor Council, and that when attempts are made at raising consciousness about racism in the college community, there is a burst of awareness which then rapidly dies away. To deal with the false conception that racism is not an issue which should be brought to the Honor Council, it has been proposed that we write a hypothetical abstract describing how an incident of

racism might be dealt with, and also perhaps form an awareness group which could go around to dorms talking about racism.

A related issue to racism was the recent signs publicizing soccer games which feminist groups have taken offense at and as a result have written letters of concern to The News. Consequently, new signs have gone up and seem to be no less sexist than before. We will discuss next week next week what might be done about this. Finally, regarding these signs, "Toleration is as much a part of the Honor Code as respect and a lot of other things." - John Markman.

Honor Council Minutes
November 1, 1987

Present: Don Johnson, Don Hayward, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Bob Nelson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steve Pitt, Loretta Love, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisti, Kim Tui, and Leanne Yanabu.
Absent: John Harlow

First, an announcement for the general public: the Mackay Report is now on reserve at the library. Please read it if you would like to understand the state of crisis which the code was in by 1983.

Council members, fresh from the Honor Code Retreat, discussed a few matters of old business before welcoming representatives from the ASA, BSL, PRSH, and the members of the minority advisory board. Six members of the Feminist Alliance also dropped in to urge action with regard to the j.v. soccer team's posters. As chairs were rearranged to accomodate this unprecedented attendance, Steven Hecht uttered the quote of the week, "We're in a state of flux".

The Feminist Alliance wanted to address the recent soccer team posters, which they felt was a violation of the Honor Code as well as evidence of a disturbing sexist attitude. "The examples are a manifestation of the larger core problem", said Jess. We were unsure whether the dialogue between the parties should be a public forum or a private matter.

There was a brief discussion of whether the concerns of the Feminist Alliance could be reconciled with the concerns of the minority groups, who had been invited to the meeting specifically as a result of the October 21 meeting with Dean Hamabeta. We decided that although eliminating oppression was a shared goal of both the groups concerned about racism and the group concerned about sexism, sponsoring a Collection combining both topics would be short-changing both. Council decided, therefore, that the Feminist Alliance should attend the Honor Council meeting next week in order to do their concern full justice.

The chairman then proposed that we seek a specific agenda for the Honor Council Collection on November 10. Some of the minority group members felt this came as an unnecessary surprise, and wished to pursue other means of raising awareness that, a), racism exists at Haverford College, and b), that Honor Council will deal with matters of racism which are brought to its attention.

One member of the BSL felt that Collection should not be a single event, but should act as an impetus to a larger program. A member of the ASA warned that no matter what was

said, a public discussion of racism would inevitably invoke anger. Guilt becomes internalized, she said, and comes out as resentment. Other suggestions for raising consciousness were entertained. A council member suggested showing an old movie, circa 1920's, then holding a discussion on the roles of the black actors in the movie as oppressed characters.

Although there were arguments in favor of creating an abstract example of a trial based on a racist social violation, problems arose in regard to this proposal. For example, what is the best example of a racist incident? It is difficult to write abstracts of real incidents, let alone hypothetical ones. Also, trial resolutions are not meant to set precedent; a hypothetical abstract would be useless in that regard.

Council eventually decided to work with the minority student groups, publish a list of actual racist incidents, and explain that such incidents could be brought to Council. This paper would form the basis of discussion for the racial awareness groups which will go around to different dorms talking about racism. These groups would be composed of members from the campus minority groups, who would talk about their personal experiences with racism. Council members would also be a part of these groups, and would discuss trial procedure. An added benefit to having community discussions, said the chairman, is "We might get opinions back to us on how people think we should be dealing with this."

The result of the meeting with the minority groups, then, was that we would have a list of incidents of racism at Haverford, with the Council statement that these could have been brought to a trial if a lower level of mediation was inadequate. Secondly, it would be effective to have student groups made up of Council members and minority group members visit dorms to raise consciousness about racism.

After the minority group members left, Council turned to the question of what Collection should address, if not racism or sexism in conjunction with these groups. We decided to focus on the effects of the Honor Code Retreat, the recent Greg and Margarita abstract, and the Social Honor Code. Under this last heading would fall the issue of our conduct in the Dining Center, which may spark some lively interest.

One final quote, if you can stand it: "It's not true that I was conceived in Barclay." - Steve Kirz.

Honor Council Minutes
November 7, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jonathan Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steve Kirz, Tamara Lave, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Rob Colson, John Markman, and Mike Sisk.

Council held two meetings this weekend in order to evenly distribute the great amount of work we had to accomplish. There were a few matters of unfinished business, for example, Ron, Dave, Steve, Kate and Jon volunteered to take charge of the Honor Code Collection.

Jess Adkins was completing a questionnaire which the University of Virginia had sent, inquiring about our Honor Code. They are thinking of having self-scheduled exams there and among other things, wanted to know the detractions and benefits of a system like ours.

We also discussed the letter which appeared on page 7 of the October 30 issue of The News regarding an ugly racial incident between two students. The author of the letter asked whether Council thought it should be sent to all students' mailboxes in order to give it a more thorough airing. We agree it should, and that the letter should accompany the announcement of the racial awareness groups which will be holding discussions of racism in dorms.

The rest of Saturday's meeting was given over to discussion of two confidential matters.

Honor Council Minutes
November 8, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steve Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Rob Colson, and Mike Sisk.

Members of the Collection team reported that they will be directing Collection to cover the issues of racism, sexism and the recent Honor Code Retreat.

At the Honor Council meeting of November 1, members of the Minority Students Advisory Board, the BSL, ASA, PRSH and Honor Council decided to work together to stop racism on campus. In addition to working together on publishing a list of racial incidents, the minority students and Council will be forming groups to raise consciousness about racism by holding discussion sessions in dorms. The major part of

tonight's meeting was spent discussing the logistics of these racial awareness groups.

We discussed how many Council members should be a part of these racial awareness groups. One Council member suggested two members of Council going with several members from the student advisory board. This was suggested because if only one Honor Council member were in the group, s/he would feel too much responsibility in trying to represent the entire Council, whereas two could more easily reinforce each other. Three members of Council seemed to be too many compared to the minority student speakers, since Honor Council did not see itself as having too large a role in the discussion groups. In this matter, Council decided to suggest one or two representatives to the Minority Advisory Board when they attend the Honor Council meeting on the 15th to give their input.

In the Racial Awareness Group meetings, members of the Student Advisory Board would talk about the problem of racism and give their personal experiences with racism at Haverford. Honor Council members would follow, stating that the Honor Council will deal with incidents of racism if they are brought to its attention. Council members could also get feedback as to how community members think the Honor Council should deal with racism. After the formal presentation of the discussion leaders, students would then discuss racism with the leaders and among themselves.

The next question was, "When should these groups be circulating?". One argument for starting next semester was that as it is nearing the end of November, issues like racism get overshadowed by academic work, and beginning the groups next semester would also allow more time to organize these groups and prepare a better presentation. However, the sense of the meeting was that the anti-racism program should start this semester since racism is an urgent problem which demands immediate attention.

In order to get optimal attendance at these racial discussions, it was suggested that we get customs people to urge freshmen to attend. We were not certain whether we should begin meeting with freshmen or upperclassmen. Freshmen have four more years to be a part of this community, yet seniors will be leaving in May and this will be their last chance to hold discussions about racism here. "Maybe we should target freshmen, who seem to have more time, maybe because there's no social life" - John Markman.

Council then turned to confidential matters. Council approved the "Larry" abstract for release.

Honor Council Minutes
November 15, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Bonland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Steven Hecht, Steve Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu.
Absent: Marla Head.

Some members of the Student Advisory Board to the Office of Minority Affairs attended the meeting to give their input regarding the racial awareness groups. At the last Honor Council meeting, Council decided that group leaders of a few Student Advisory Board members and two Honor Council members would visit dorms and speak to customs groups and upperclassmen of about twenty at a time. Council members would have a minor role in the presentations, simply stating that Honor Council will deal with racial incidents and getting feedback regarding how the community thinks Honor Council should deal with racial incidents. Council thought these sessions should last twenty to thirty minutes and should begin this semester.

Upon hearing these proposals, a member of the Advisory Board felt that to properly warm up a group, give a presentation and have adequate time for discussion, an hour was a more reasonable figure than twenty minutes. It was also proposed that twenty people were too many to have full participation in discussion. Instead, the presentations should be in groups of twenty, which would then split up into smaller groups of five or eight for discussion. A Council member pointed out that separating men and women or people of different races in discussion groups seems to leave out views which everyone should hear. Therefore the discussion groups should be randomly separated following the presentation. An Advisory Board member felt that the Honor Council representatives should emphasize their role as mediators in cases of racism. Honor Council approved these suggestions.

A memo from Dean Matthews Hamabata listed several other options to pursue for the Racism Awareness groups. A videotape on minority issues at Carleton which Swarthmore uses in their presentations on racial awareness may be available to us. Council and the Student Advisory Board will preview the tape on Sunday, November 22, at 4:30. Dean Hamabata also suggested we contact Melvin Rogers of the Counseling Service for aid. Steve Kirz volunteered to see him.

Regarding when the groups should begin, there were doubts that a good job could be done of presenting racial awareness this semester. The eventual decision was that we should begin the program next semester, but have a few pilot

groups circulate this semester to get a sense for how the groups work out. Transfer students will be the first groups to have discussions, since several of them will be leaving after first semester. In order to ensure good attendance, it was suggested that the leaders of the discussion groups go around the dorm in the week prior to the presentation and ask students face-to-face to attend. This initial discussion group is scheduled for 9:00 on Wednesday, December 2nd.

There was no confidential business tonight. We approved the letter to matriculating students. John Bernhard and Tamara Lave reported that the dialogue over the soccer team publicity posters between the Feminist Alliance and the j.v. soccer team was very successful. There seemed to be a greater understanding after the discussion. Coincidentally, Adam Jacobson of The News was present tonight to ask whether we felt there was some "breakdown of the social Honor Code" in light of the recent controversies over the cheerleaders during Homecoming, the humor magazine Sensitive Mail, the CIA speaker, APATHY at Bryn Mawr, and the soccer posters. There seemed to be a problem with dialogue at Haverford; people were not engaging in a give-and-take but simply shouting at each other through the letters in The News and letters on the Comment Board. The official meeting was adjourned while some Council members remained to discuss the issues Adam raised.

Quote of the week: "I just had a brainstorm in the bathroom" - Steven Hecht.

Honor Council Minutes
November 21, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Maria Head, Steven Hecht, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu
Absent: Rob Colson, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Mike Sisk.

Council held two meetings this weekend. On Saturday we met with the Feminist Alliance to discuss several concerns.

*The Feminist Alliance felt there was a problem with Honor Council itself. Council seemed to be removed from the problem of sexism which the Alliance is trying to fight. They felt it was difficult to come to Honor Council with sexist incidents. They also felt that some members of Council held personal views which made it difficult to believe that Honor Council was impartial.

*They felt that the burden of dealing with sexism was unfairly placed solely on them. Sexism is not a problem of the Feminist Alliance, but a problem of the community which the Feminist Alliance is trying to eradicate.

*The Feminist Alliance felt a dissatisfaction with the process of dialogue. The problem is that the responsibility of initiating dialogue currently rests mainly on the offended or confronting party. Often the confronted party feels no need to interact with or understand the confronting party.

Honor Council agreed that the education of the community could be more equally shared. During Customs week Honor Code Orienteers could use scenarios involving incidents of sexism in their role-playing presentation. Council also proposed sponsoring a Collection next semester to discuss dialogue and sexism. We might invite Susan Stuard, who spoke at the Honor Code retreat.

As a kind of precedent, or example, both the Feminist Alliance and Honor Council agreed that the recent dialogue between the soccer team and the Feminist Alliance, (at which Tamara and Jon were present), should be written up.

In general, Honor Council hopes people listen to and reflect on the viewpoints of the other party in a dialogue.

Council turned to confidential business.

Honor Council Minutes
November 22, 1987

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Ron Christie, Christopher Plomey.

The first race-relations workshop will take place on December 2nd with the transfer and exchange customs group and will be led by the various minority groups in conjunction with Honor Council members. In preparation for the workshop and the workshops next semester, members of the race relations group from Swarthmore gave a presentation here. The Swarthmore program has been going on for a year now; freshmen are required to attend.

They first presented a videotape produced at Carleton College which consists mainly of interviews of black students on their experience as a Carleton student. Most comments addressed the difficulties they felt in a culture which at times felt alien to them. They also talked about the frustration they felt that the admissions office projected an image of Carleton as a racially and culturally diverse place, whereas they felt that in reality Carleton students could remain in mainstream culture without being exposed to the experiences of black students at all.

After the videotape, the group split into smaller groups of about ten. The two discussion leaders of each group stressed that the discussions were to be confidential, in order for people to feel free to state their opinions. After a discussion of about a half hour, the groups rejoined and gave summaries of their separate discussions. One good exercise the smaller group came up with was to imagine oneself at a predominantly black university and imagine the feelings of insecurity or fear of not being wanted which a student can feel at an institution based on a different culture from oneself. Or an alternative might be to look at a copy of ebony magazine to see how much we overlook in assuming the mainstream American culture to be the "normative" one.

As a follow-up to the presentation, the Swarthmore students suggested we could make up a list of classes to take, books to read, or places to go to increase awareness.

Council discussed several confidential matters. The letter regarding confidentiality about exams during Finals week was approved for release after Turkey Day.

Honor Council Minutes
November 30, 1987

Present: Jess Adams, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Maria Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Christopher Plomey, attending an Alcohol Policy meeting, and Rob Colson.

The chairman asked members of Honor Council to submit evaluations of Honor Council at the last meeting, which will be next Sunday. A page or two should be sufficient to express what Honor Council has done well, needs to improve, and what Council should be doing.

Tamara volunteered to send personal invitations to the transfer and customs group, who will be participating in the first race relations workshop on Wednesday night, December 2. Marla, Steven and John volunteered to address the groups as the Honor Council representatives. Other members of Honor Council are also expected to participate in unofficial capacities. We will be showing the videotape featuring Carleton students on racial issues from Swarthmore as part of the workshop.

Honor Council discussed several confidential matters before adjourning.

"There are millions of times when people have come up to me and sworn I was drunk, when I hadn't had anything to drink at all." - Steven Kirz

Honor Council Minutes
December 6, 1987

All present: Jess Gillman, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Scott Davenport, Maria Head, Steven Hecht, Steve King, Tamara Lese, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Ross, Mimi Tan, and Leanne Yanabu.

The chairman asked for the evaluations of Honor Council activities from the members of Council, but said it wasn't mandatory. "It'd be okay if you had no thoughts."

The first order of business was the race relations workshop which was held on December 2nd for the transfer and exchange students customs group. Council received a letter expressing positive feelings about the workshop from the customs people, who added that the workshop generated further discussion after the workshop ended.

At this point the pizza-man came to deliver Jess, Steve, and John's dinner, which was "Vegetarian stromboli -- basically the best thing to eat in North America." -- John Markman.

A related item on the agenda was that for next year's customs week, Honor Council will work with the students' advisory board on minority affairs. This is something that Honor Council will have to do next semester.

We reviewed the concerns brought up by the Feminist Alliance. Tamara suggested having a workshop in which we showed an extremely sexist movie and then a movie which was not as sexist. There could then be discussion about both movies. We again mentioned the possibility of having Professor Stuard at Collection next semester. John proposed we make a film on sexism at Haverford, similar to the way the videotape from Carleton focussed on race relations on their campus. People from the Feminist Alliance, Honor Council, the SAB, Student's Council and other interested students could get money from the President's office or from Student's Council and produce a thought-provoking documentary. This idea was met with enthusiasm from Council. Tamara offered to send invitations describing the proposed project to members of student groups. John approved, saying, "We could be creating a new Mussolini -- but I'll do it".

Christopher summed up the progress made on the Alcohol Policy front. The old policy is basically unchanged; there is to be no alcohol at large parties. The policy will be introduced a few days before Plenary next spring. If the policy is not approved in Plenary, it may be rewritten, but if the student body does not approve of the policy at all, it will become the administration's responsibility to

enforce it. The college is worried about alcohol at large parties because many other colleges have recently been raided by police. For example, there was a party at Carnegie-Mellon at which 100+ students got arrested for alcohol possession, although Tamara pointed out, "They were a frat, and they deserved it."

There was some discussion about whether we as students should accept the kind of guidelines the administration is proposing to lessen the risk of becoming involved in an alcohol-caused lawsuit. "We profess to be creative...in some way (about alcohol control)" - John Markman. There seemed to be the feeling that the Honor Code should have some bearing on how responsible students can be. Steve, Jon, Jess, Dave, Ron and Tamara volunteered to form a committee headed by John to think of alternative ways to handle alcohol at Haverford.

Honor Council was put to the task of selecting "The single brightest and most creative member of your entire student body" to participate in something called the Arizona Honors Program at which the topic will be "Seeking national security in an insecure world.". The brochure promises that the selected students will be "intellectually overwhelmed". Steve, John and Kate offered to publicize this offer and select a deserving participant.

In response to a notice posted on the Students' Council Noteboard (in the Coop) which asked about the role of Adam in the recent Larry abstract, we decided to respond individually as members of the jury. Another comment on the Noteboard asked whether members of the community could volunteer to be placed on the random jury list. Council decided this was irregular procedure and that it went against the idea of the random selection of the jury. Thus, there will continue to be lists of 25 members of the community chosen at random to be on the jury list.

Council spent the remainder of the meeting discussing confidential matters. And one final vacation thought: "Hope you have enough happy memories to carry you through winter break" - Steven Hecht.

Honor Council Minutes
January 27, 1988

Present: Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Jess Adkins and Rob Colson.

Steven welcomed everyone back and promised a "mystery guest" would be making an appearance later in the meeting. New business: Several colleges, including Gilford, Skidmore and Hamilton have asked for information about our Honor Code. Kate, Marla, and Christopher offered to handle their questionnaires.

From March 3 - 5, there will be a conference on Honor Codes at Princeton. Dean Freddy Hill might be attending, along with Mimi, Ron, Kate, Dave, John, or Steve Kirz.

Kari Nadeau, HC '88, introduced a visitor from Princeton, Boris Kurz, who had come to observe but also proposed an intercollege honor code newspaper, which might talk about issues at different colleges with similar student-administered honor systems "on a philosophical or theoretical level". Such a newspaper might be initiated at the Princeton conference.

Kate, Steven Hecht, John and Leanne volunteered to be the Honor Council representatives to the Committee on Diversity, an administrators' and students' committee which addresses problems of race and gender.

Throughout the new semester, we plan to continue the race relations workshops program. Tamara and John offered to work out the group programs and logistics to present to the Students Advisory Board. We decided to purchase the videotape on race issues at Carleton; Peter will contact Swarthmore and Carleton.

The "mystery guest", Professor Colin MacKay, arrived to give us an idea of the circumstances arising to the creation of a committee to investigate the health of the Honor Code in 1980, the subsequent 1983 MacKay report, the campus-wide Honor Code Retreat, and the health of the Code today. After giving his account, Professor MacKay fielded questions from Council members such as whether he felt the Honor Code was an outgrowth of Quaker ideals, and the problem of the credibility of confronted persons at trials when it seems all the evidence goes against them.

After Council discussed several confidential matters, Christopher gave a report on the progress of the Alcohol Policy. There was concern that due to strict laws, the

college might be forced to take the official position of "no alcohol at campus parties", which led to Jon's call for clarity: "I'm real fuzzy on the concept of 'dry'". Christopher asked for more feedback to take to the committee, since it needs to form a proposal to present to students at Plenary. An informal Council position on the matter was that private parties should by all means be kept the responsibility of the hosting students, and that if necessary, security officers would have to supervise large parties, regardless of whether alcohol was being served or not.

Finally, a note of recognition from Peter about me, "She writes the best minutes...it's just like being there". Which does not exclude you from attending yourself, Sundays at 5:00 in the Dining Center.

Honor Council Minutes
January 31, 1988

Present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.
Absent: Christopher Ptomey.

Quote of the week: "He's excited -- he's drooling." Steve Kirz about John.

Jess and Leanne volunteered to attend the Students Advisory Board meeting on Thursday to work on proposed times for the race relations workshops this semester.

Council considered whether it should sponsor a resolution for the February 14 Spring Plenary. We discussed the possibility of removing the clause, "We cannot expect to feel at ease when confronting another student about his/her actions. 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." from the Honor Code. This proposed resolution was discarded.

Council adjourned for an hour to listen to the campaign speeches of candidates for Honor Council Chairperson and Students' Council President. As this was our penultimate meeting before the new Council begins, we celebrated with an ice cream cake, presented to Steven Hecht with the inscription, "Not the best, but hard to beat". However, in the excitement we forgot to set a date for our social dinner.

Council discussed several confidential matters.

Honor Council Minutes
February 7, 1988

All present: Jess Adkins, Jon Bernhard, Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Rob Colson, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, Steven Hecht, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Dave Plaut, Christopher Ptomey, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun and Leanne Yanabu.

We had pizza and strombolis in observance of the last meeting of the old Honor Council, which caused some minor chaos. Steven urged us to "communicate with the pizza and still participate in the meeting". We began with some minor business: The letter to matriculating students will undergo a few changes and will be sent to Delsey Phillips.

Honor Council members who are going to the Princeton Honor Council Conference will be contacting either Bruce Partridge, Colin MacKay, or Lyle Roeloffs to accompany them.

Marla volunteered to join Steven, Kate, and Leanne in attending the Committee on Diversity meetings this semester. At these meetings, we hope to raise the subject of the Race Relations Groups. The first of these workshops will be held on the 24th in the Women's Center at 9:00; we hope to have them every Wednesday at that time. We plan to continue inviting customs groups and work our way through the rest of the student body.

The rest of the meeting concerned confidential business, except that we sang "Happy Birthday" to Jess and arranged a social dinner in Paoli (finally) for Saturday at 4:30. Steven handed the keys of office to John, who said, "These are heavier than I thought they'd be", and then urged us all to help count ballots for the new council members on Friday night.

Quote of the week: "Chicken Little was right, the sky is falling." - Steven Hecht, retiring chairman.

Honor Council Minutes
February 14, 1988

Present: Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams, Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Peter Borland, Rick Kahn.

The members of last semester's council had their social dinner in Paoli on the 13th, at which many things worthy of being called the "Quote of the Week" were uttered; however, council members returned from the excursion in too delicate a condition to adequately verify any brilliant and erudite comments.

The first meeting of the new council met in John's apartment for brunch. We began with a customary moment of silence, then set to discussing nonconfidential items.

Spring Plenary to ratify the Honor Code was to be held later in the evening. In anticipation of the Code being ratified, council members volunteered to make signs reminding people to read the Honor Code, construct a box to hold the signed cards, and count cards. There was a short discussion concerning where the box should be located; the final decision was that it should be in front of Founders.

Plans for the Race Relations Workshops continue. We received the video from Carleton; all that remains is to adapt the format of discussion for Haverford and ensure that these workshops will have lasting impact.

New members expressed an interest in the Princeton Conference on March 3-5. Kari reported there would be representatives from about 50 other colleges who either have Honor Codes or who are interested in them. This conference is open to the community; for more information, contact Kari at 645-9743.

Starting next week, Honor Council will be holding meetings in the left side of the Dining Center on Sunday nights at 5:00, although it will be held at 6:00 on the 21st. It was hoped that this change of location would change the false perception of Honor Council as an intimidating "Council of Elders".

In order to improve relations between the faculty and Honor Council, we plan to hold lunch meetings with faculty department heads and new faculty members. Leon offered to draft a letter proposing this to the faculty.

We were also excited to hear of the Faculty/Student Workday set for April 16th. The project is to clear the

duckpond of brush; contact chairpeople Paulina Loo '88 or Joe Rucker '88 if interested.

Later in the semester we may have meetings with staff members of the college, including physical plant, security, dining center, bookstore, library and athletic department workers. In addition, Honor Council will be setting up the Honor Council Orienteer program for the class of 1992, and we will be putting up signs during Finals Week. For the next meeting, council members were urged to bring topics they would like to see Council address this spring. .

Council discussed several confidential matters, then adjourned. John Markman mentioned the 642-CODE number for people to call with concerns: "We have an answering machine but we don't necessarily have all the answers".

The Quote of The Week: "I've been in more intense paper football games" - Leon Sachs, on playing in the local Lacrosse "Tournament of Love".

Honor Council Minutes
February 21, 1988

All present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Rick Kahn, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams, and Leanne Yanabu.

In honor of the Honor Code's not being ratified, Council held a five-hour long meeting this week. We met at 5:15 in the Smith room to discuss confidential and non-confidential business, then moved into the left side of the Dining Center for the public meeting at 6:00, and finally moved back to the Smith room to wrap up the logistics for the race relations workshops and confidential business.

Last week Leon volunteered to write a letter to the faculty inviting them to have lunch with Council members on Fridays to talk about their experiences with the Haverford Honor Code. John met with the provost, Sid Waldman, who thought it wasn't a great idea. But Leon argued that we need to learn from the experienced faculty as much as they learn from our perspective, and that our goal was to get professors more involved. Council decided to go ahead with the letter anyway. Tamara proposed that we each talk to a faculty member to get their input on the state of the Honor Code during this week.

Leanne gave a summary of the Committee on Diversity meeting on the 16th. Toby volunteered to be the Honor Council Representative on the Alcohol Policy Committee. DaWayne and Leon volunteered to assist John in representing the Honor Council on Student's Council. Kari gave a short update on the Princeton Conference, March 3-5. Then we hoisted our trays and advanced into the left side of the Dining Center.

Honor Council members introduced themselves to the more than 60 people in attendance. Several topics of discussion were proposed: that the social honor code was a sham, that minority groups become ostracized when they point out issues of discrimination in the community, the question of whether there is a community at all, and whether the "policeman's clause" in the Honor Code was necessary. Related ideas about discussion and the nature of confrontation and dialogue were entertained.

It was proposed that the Honor Code was itself a contradictory document. On one hand it says we do not tolerate racism, sexism, in short, that there are certain attitudes which are clearly unacceptable. But on the other hand the document stresses toleration and understanding through dialogue.

One person emphasized that the community did not exist, that we are a group of disparate individuals, and there was not such thing as the monolith we keep referring to. Another person raised the point that in confrontations, the confronting party is usually at a disadvantage to begin with. The Honor Code presupposes that we are all equal, but in the case of say, a racist person, the offended party is not perceived as an equal. (My own personal view, is that I guess you just have to descend to their level to initially conduct a dialogue).

The public meeting moved towards delineating means of correcting the problems. One suggestion was that the first step was to recognise the reality, and not hide behind the Code, denying that racism, sexism, homophobia and other biases exist at Haverford. Another was that dialogue, both personal and community-wide, should continue. A student pointed out that Honor Council members could be more accessible to aid in initial confrontations. He claimed he lacked the courage to confront others even though he was a senior and had gone to all the educating workshops at Haverford. Yet, another student said she found the existing support systems outside of the Honor system more effective than the means suggested within the Code.

After about an hour the public discussion came to an end. Suggestions for improving this forum included the following:

- *a list of the agenda should be posted beforehand so people would be able to think about the issues;
- *the discussion itself should be publicized well in advance;
- *perhaps a better place for discussion could be found.

Finally, Thomas Hartmann, '88 encouraged people to send contributions to him for a journal about the Honor Code. These contributions might include essays on life at Haverford now and in the past under the Code, interpretations of applying the Code, and concerns or issues about the Honor Code. The deadline for submissions is March 10.

Council reconvened in the Smith Room to talk about the Race Relations Workshops. We decided to have it on Wednesday the 24th rather than the 25th to avoid conflicting with the "Sweet Honey in the Rock" concert. Three customs groups will meet in the Women's Center at 9:00. The main goals of the workshop:

- * we want to encourage recognition that racist attitudes exist on campus
- * we want to make the point that diversity doesn't mean conformity
- * we want to determine how workshop participants feel Honor Council should deal with issues of racism on campus.

Council mentioned several points about the Honor Code which could be made into resolutions for a special Plenary after Spring Break. These points had come up in the public discussion. Council also entertained suggestions for improving the forum. The chairman had tried to make it a point to only call on people once in order to get the largest range of voices heard. Council members off the meal plan heartily endorsed the suggestion that the Dean's office could subsidize meals for people off the meal plan who want to be at the forum. We decided that the agenda for the public meetings should be posted in the dorms in which Honor Council members live during the week before the discussions.

This week there will be two other forums for discussion of the Honor Code, one on Wednesday night, 10:15, in the sunken lounge, a repeat of last week's event. Professor Aryeh Ksoman will attend this week; three members of Honor Council will also be there, (those who can leave from the Race Relations Workshop). We had some discussion about what statement could be provocative enough to draw students in hordes from their books or their library carrels. The result was "Are we hiding behind the Honor Code?", subtitled "Are we less likely to discuss issues on campus because of the Honor Code?". Council members were urged to think up hypothetical scenarios for discussion on Wednesday.

The second forum for discussing the Honor Code will be during lunch from 12 to 2 in the Ding Center, again on the left side. We will arrange the tables in a big circle, and set up microphones to encourage people to air their opinions on the Honor Code and Haverford.

Steve had the idea that the Minority Groups should get together in Roberts Hall or Stokes Auditorium to talk about the Honor Code just among themselves. This idea met with approval from Honor Council, and will most likely be pegged for after Spring Break.

Council moved to confidential business. After all this talk, there was not a single phrase for the Quote of the Week. "That's beat!" - John Markman.

Honor Council Minutes
February 25, 1988

All present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Rick Kahn, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams and Leanne Yanabu.

Council met on Wednesday night to evaluate the first race relations workshop of the semester and the study break in the sunken lounge, and to decide on a scenario for discussion at Friday's open lunchtime forum on the left side of the Dining Center.

We first heard council members' proposals for the open forum. At last week's meeting, council members were asked to think up imaginary situations which would provoke discussion at the forum. Seven proposed abstracts were read, and after some discussion Council chose one involving Joel and Mikhel, an issue about race relations. Council then spent some time forming questions to stimulate the discussion. The abstract with the questions was to be sent out to all community members by Friday.

Evaluation of the race relations workshop followed.
Some criticisms:

The leaders were not experienced enough (although Honor Council members attend primarily to state that Council handles mediations arising from race-related incidents, and to act as a receptors for community input);
Facilitators spoke too much and didn't leave enough time for others to discuss their ideas;
The videotape is of a poor quality;
We should initiate planning for a film based on race related issues at Haverford.
One favorable comment was that the discussion leaders seemed to be fresh and enthusiastic. It was suggested that the facilitators of the race relations workshop should have one separate group meeting to talk about leading groups and further improve the workshop experience for the participants.

Council then discussed a confidential matter.

Jenny Rees '89 and Karin Lee '88 presented another amendment, calling for a separation of the social and academic portions of the Honor Code, and an accompanying separation of ratification at Plenary and separate councils to deal with concerns. Honor Council would deal only with possible academic violations; a new "Mediation Alliance" would be elected to handle social matters. The advantage of this is that one body of people would not be overburdened with both jobs, and hopefully this Mediation Alliance would be more approachable and thus more effective.

Finally, Charles Atkins '90, outlined a procedure to deal with matters of racism. Offenders would be required to attend race relations workshops in addition to dialogue and mediation.

After an hour of discussion, Honor Council reconvened in the Smith room to discuss the Joel and Mikhel imaginary abstract and forum on Friday with the Black Student's League. The BSL pointed out several mistakes in the abstract, both technical and attitudinal. Several students felt that Council was ignorant and limited in both racial matters and in the attempt to address concerns of race at Haverford. One person questioned the seriousness of Council's intent and another felt that the abstract and Friday's forum did not instill confidence that matters of racial concern would be competently handled if brought to Honor Council.

To these statements Honor Council could only apologize for the errors on the imaginary abstract and recognize that we have difficulty meeting the challenge of fully realizing the position of the students of color at Haverford. As a solution towards resolving our own difficulties and ignorance, it was suggested that Council write a letter to the community pointing out the errors in the initial Joel and Mikhel abstract, to be accompanied by another abstract for a public forum discussion written jointly with students from the BSL and from Council.

Steve returned from the meeting with the Honor Code Orienteers and reported that their main concerns were:

- a. a few had resolutions they wanted to make at a Plenary to re-ratify the Honor Code.
- b. some felt their role as HCO's was unclear.
- c. some felt it was important for HCO's to live with the freshmen or to in other ways participate more fully in the customs group experience throughout the year.

On the same lines, Rick, Ron, Kate, and Toby, the freshmen representatives, reported on the freshmen forum earlier today in Roberts Auditorium. It was well-attended and there was good, spirited discussion. It was proposed at

tonight's meeting that there be other forums for each separate class.

Kari reported on last minute details for those attending the Princeton Conference, Council deliberated for a short time on the question of admissions candidates, and finally, Council considered a confidential matter. Council decided they needed to meet again on Tuesday to complete the agenda.

Honor Council Minutes
March 1, 1988

Present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Rick Kahn, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, and Leanne Yanabu.
Absent: Teri Williams.

Council held a short meeting to wrap up the agenda left over from Sunday evening. First, Toby reported on the progress made by the Alcohol Policy Committee. This is a bi-college, eight-member body made up of three deans, the Haverford co-presidents of Students' Council, a former head of the Bryn Mawr Honor Board, and the Haverford Honor Council representative, Toby. The Committee wants to propose an alcohol policy which would render drinking at public parties a violation of the Social Honor Code. Drinking at private parties is not a concern of the proposal. An infraction, for example, drinking at Haverfest, the Snowball, or the Suitcase party, would necessitate confrontation by other students. As a result, the student who was drinking might be removed from the party.

As a private institution, the college is forced to find ways to avoid lawsuits, which have become a matter of concern due to recent legislation. The justification for making public drinking a Social Honor Code issue is that drinking at a public gathering involves the ideas of mutual responsibility, concern, and respect, which we claim to be matters that the Honor Code addresses.

This proposal met with lengthy discussion from Honor Council. Several dissenting arguments were put forth:

- a. Anything which detracts from the core of the Honor Code threatens it's health and spirit and is potentially dangerous. The alcohol policy might be just such a peripheral issue, putting too much stress on the Social Honor Code.
- b. The proposal was seen as a manipulation of the Honor Code by those who are not under the Honor Code.
- c. The Honor Code is not meant to be a set of rules, but the insertion of an alcohol policy might change that state. If we say we change the rules today, what was previously allowed under the Code will be "outlawed" tomorrow.
- d. At this point, the Honor Code, especially the social part, is unstable, nor is it ratified for the fall semester.
- e. Council members found it disturbing that the proposal recognized only drinking in public to be a matter of social concern. This attitude implied that the Honor Code was something which could be turned off and on.
- f. As the proposed Alcohol Policy is only a recommendation to the students, Council members questioned whether those

who proposed the policy thought that this policy was in accord with the community's standards of responsible use. g. The policy was feared as a possible use of and exploitation of the Honor Council as an enforcement mechanism.

At this meeting, Council could only provide these cautionary arguments for Toby to present at the next Alcohol Policy Committee, which will be March 16. Council was not able to suggest solutions or alternative policies; it was decided that we would informally bring up these issues to other members of the community and then formulate alternatives.

Kari suggested that council members attending the Princeton Conference should write statements to the News about their experiences. Council members are very excited about going to the conference.

John talked to Delsie Phillips from the Admissions Office about letters to matriculating students. Since the Honor Code was not ratified for next semester, two things may have to change: the deposit, which is not now required, and the letters to accepted applicants. All the letters of acceptance are hand-typed; retyping them would cost a lot of money and time. There is also a potential problem about early decision applicants who already signed and turned in their Honor Code pledges. Theoretically they could sue the college since they withdrew their applications to other colleges, assuming that we had an Honor Code.

A second spring plenary looks imminent soon after Spring Break. Either the Student Council co-presidents will call an emergency plenary or another will be called for by a petition signed by 20% of the student body. When we return from spring break, there will be a packet of possible resolutions in the mail for each student, and in the week before the plenary, Honor Council members will be present each night in the sunken lounge from 6:00 to 7:30 to discuss the resolutions and the Honor Code with the community. Council members will also be having informal discussions in various dorms; contact John to set up formal dorm discussions.

QUAC, the Quaker Activities group, is sponsoring a discussion with Steve Cary '37 and former admissions head Bill Ambler on the subject of Quakerism and the social honor code, on Wednesday March 2 at 8:30 in Gest 101. Though Honor Council is not officially involved, John urged the members to take a break from studying for midterms and participate in the gathering.

Honor Council Minutes
March 15, 1988

Present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Rick Kahn, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams, and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent due to illness: Kate Davenport.

First meeting after Spring Break. This week's agenda: Special Plenary to talk about the Honor Code, the Alcohol Policy, the Princeton Conference, HCO process, the BSL letter, Race Awareness workshops, the COD letter to Hank Payne, and some confidential stuff.

Executive Council has the option of calling an emergency Plenary on its own, but Honor Council decided it would be better to collect signatures from 20% of the student body and feel that "S.C. is doing something with the mandate of the community at large" - John. Therefore, Honor Council members will be sitting at a table in the Dining Center and simultaneously collecting signatures and publicizing the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for 1:00 - 4:00 on Sunday, March 27. Further discussion concerned logistics of Plenary such as the order of resolutions.

Moreover, there will be a study break on Wednesday night and on Friday around noon to talk about the Honor Code, resolutions and questions about ratification.

No change from the Alcohol Policy committee except that the next meeting is on the 16th.

Princeton Conference attenders DaWayne, Kari, Ron and John came back with renewed appreciation for Haverford's own Honor Code. The Conference on Honor Systems was lavishly sponsored, there were representatives from many schools there and people said they had a lot of fun. Yet, attendees came away feeling that many participants had a disturbing attitude of moral superiority, that their code was either faultless or rendered unchangeable because of a strong sense of tradition. Many other honor code systems were concerned mainly with technical or punitive aspects.

John said he was particularly struck by the realization that "What is honor here is peculiar (to Haverford). DaWayne found it difficult to resist telling people they should come to Haverford to actually see the Honor system at work, in part because there aren't many tangible aspects of the Honor Code here. Instead, you really have to live under it to experience that it does work, despite the disbelief of other conference participants. Expect to see articles about the conference from participants in The News.

Contingent upon re-ratifying an Honor Code, Council urges community members to consider applying to be an Honor Code Orienteer. We plan to have one informational meeting before receiving applications to explain requirements and process. Eight members of council will be interviewing and deciding, the remaining eight will be conducting the instructive seminars, which will be open to the community.

Several people are still working with the Black Students' League on the imaginary abstract for discussion; Likewise, the Committee on Diversity letter to Hank Payne is yet on the docket. Old confidential business kept Council occupied until slightly past midnight. Leon left to celebrate his 21st birthday. Cheers!

Honor Council Minutes
March 20, 1988

Present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate DavenportMarla Head, DaWayne Judd, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams, and Leanne Yanabu.
Absent: Rick Kahn.

Honor Council first talked about the meeting between its representatives and the Black Students League earlier today. A letter explaining errors will accompany a copy of the original "Joel and Mikhel" abstract and a new abstract for discussion written with the assistance of the BSL. Release date is set for the week following the second Spring Plenary.

The mandate we looked for from the community arrived on Monday in the form of the petition calling for an emergency Plenary signed by 609 members of the community. Students Council is attempting to work out the time so it will not conflict with the Chamber Singers Concert; it will be on Sunday the 27th of March at 3:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall. This week, there will be discussion of resolutions on Wednesday during the central study break and on Friday on the left side of the Dining Center.

Other week's activities:

- * On Wednesday, and Thursday four more customsgroups' will participate in the Race Awareness workshops.
- * Monday at 12:30 in the Coop, the heads of the Customs Committee, Kyle Danish '89 and Annie DeFronzo '89 will join current Honor Council members in discussing the responsibilities of Honor Code Orienteers with all interested in applying.

The progress of the alcohol policy committee was the topic of discussion during the open portion of the meeting on the left side of the Dining Center.

No confidential business. Honor Council will have another meeting this week on Wednesday at 11:00 p.m. following the central study break.

Honor Council Minutes
April 3, 1988

Present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Rick Kahn, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John Markman, Kari Nadeau, Leon Sachs, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams, and Leanne Yanabu.

Absent: Kate Davenport, Toby Rodes, and Mike Sisk.

The Honor Code Plenary last Sunday approved of four of the five resolutions, ratified the Honor Code for the 1988-1989 academic year and lasted four hours. The first resolution made it mandatory that each student sign some type of statement affirming that s/he will live by the Honor Code and can be trusted. The second approved resolution changed the location of the ratification boxes to the COOP; cards would be due on Thursday and Friday instead of Monday and Tuesday following Plenary. Plenary voted to include racism, sexism and heterosexualism as specifically violating community standards in the Honor Code, and lastly approved of a set of guidelines which Honor Council could follow in the case of repeat racial offenders. The gathered Plenary did not approve of a resolution to form a separate mediation alliance to address social concerns.

In order to help keep awareness of the Honor Code alive in the community, there will be a forum for discussion this Friday, April 8 on the left side of the Dining Center, or outside on the porch if it is sunny. Discussion will focus on the existence of certain "honor-free zones", for example, locker-room behavior, and whether the community feels there is a distancing between the Athletic arena and the Honor Code arena.

Council decided to send a letter to all Faculty Chairpersons soliciting the major concerns about the Honor Code specific to each department as it would help in the selection and training of Honor Code Orienteers.

The Honor Code Orienteer selection and training will be in full swing by the time you read this. Meeting for all interested applicants will be this Wednesday, April 6, 9:15 in the COOP. Five members of Council will be holding interviews this weekend; approximately eighteen orienteers should be chosen by the next Council meeting on Sunday.

Race Relations workshops continue to be held on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending can either contact a Council member or simply show up at the Women's Center on either night. Discussion facilitators have been getting positive -- and sometimes enthusiastic -- responses from participants. Council is now seeking ways to tap the energy of these enthusiastic people.

Honor Council Minutes
April 10, 1988

All present: Peter Borland, Ron Christie, Kate Davenport, Marla Head, DaWayne Judd, Rick Kahn, Steven Kirz, Tamara Lave, John "Sunshine" Markman, Kari Nadeau, Toby Rodes, Leon Sachs, Mike Sisk, Mimi Tun, Teri Williams, and Leanne Yanabu.

Council first went over a confidential social abstract.

Karin Lee '88 and Jenny Rees '89, co-sponsors of the "Mediation Alliance" Resolution which was proposed and rejected at the March 27th Plenary, spoke to Council about the numerous students who had approached them expressing regret that they would not have the opportunity to play the role of mediator which their resolution would have allowed. Karin and Jenny related a proposal stemming from this community input: that Council undergo mediation training, and that these workshops be open to the public. After going through the program, the people who went through the program would have their names printed on a list, to be called upon by community members who had concerns which they did not want to bring to the attention of Honor Council.

The ensuing discussion about the logistics of the project and the pros and cons of the idea was cut short as Council had planned to hold part of its meeting in the left side of the Dining Center. The topic this evening was about the newly proposed Bi-College Alcohol Policy. (Jenny and Karin agreed to meet with DaWayne, Leon, Tamara, Teri and Mimi to work out the mediation issue.)

Once the implications of the policy were explained, the debate brought out two points: First, in proposing this policy, the administration is in some sense asking the community whether the Honor Code is strong enough to handle enforcement of the policy on campus. If we try to foist the responsibility for students' alcohol use back on the administration, they will ask us whether we aren't giving away our claim to self-government. But from the students' point of view, we have just gotten through a Plenary in which the community clearly indicated their feeling that the Honor Council was never a body meant to determine wholesale judgements of right and wrong. This policy, in enumerating certain types of drinking as instances of social violations of the Code, will render the Honor Council a body which does not represent the community, and thereby set a precedent of how it addresses social concerns.

The public portion of the meeting lasted until 7:00 and ended with a statement by Toby, who is the council's representative to the Alcohol Policy committee, saying, the policy is not an attempt by the administration to rail the

community but a result of outside legislation railing the Honor Code. (I'm paraphrasing badly).

The Honor code orienteer process was the next order of business. 50 candidates applied for 28 positions (25 plus 3 alternates). There was some discussion about whether, with the large number of qualified applicants, Honor Council members should automatically be HCOs. There was argument over the notion whether Council members should serve because their experience, acquaintance with the intricacies of the Honor Code and their willingness to be involved in community matters, takes priority over non-council members as HCOs. In addition, having actual members of the council serve as contacts to freshmen helps to de-mystify the role of council.

But several people objected to this idea, saying that if there are an unusually high number of qualified applicants, it does no good to alienate them by putting council members on, who may already be heavily involved in community matters. Several council members agreed, and gave up their HCO spots. In the end, two council members still insisted they wished to serve as HCO's, and council decided it was not fair to change the rules after they no longer had a chance to apply to be HCO's. However, council decided it would be a good idea to submit a resolution to the next Plenary stating that Honor council members would have to apply to be HCOs, and that this program would be in effect for two years to gauge its effectiveness. For the Council members who wished to be involved in the HCO process this year, council came to consensus that there should be a system of support people formed of council members, who the HCOs could consult with. Such a group might be similar to the program of support teams which the Customs Committee has.

As it was now getting late, John called for a moment of silence. Toby, sighing, slid to the floor. Leon said, "It's not naptime, Toby".

This evening council also sorted out who would facilitate the Race Relations Workshops for Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week. Again, upperclassmen are welcome to attend; they are held in the Women's Center at 9 pm.

There was some other confidential business and mention of the past Friday's lunchtime discussion forum. Minutes of that are pending. They are much more difficult to write than council meeting minutes. Members of Honor Council also passed around pictures of themselves attached to depictions of stereotypes in the media, an exercise in stereotype awareness.

Council faces a busy week ahead. We are meeting on Monday 4/10 at 8 am to speak with the deans about the alcohol policy, and again at 6 pm on Monday with current HCOs and the customs heads, on training for HCOs. On Tuesday the Middle States Evaluation team is meeting with council at 10 am, and on either Wednesday or Thursday night we will have to have another meeting to finish up the agenda from this week, including the first social mediation abstract ever.

And just for kicks: Ask Tamara what she means by "a hierarchy of naivete".

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Absent: Peter Borland.

In what might be the last meeting of the second semester, council wrapped up non-confidential loose ends from the year and did a quick review of confidential business.

Leon and John will be in the Philadelphia area this summer and will be meeting with Greg Kannerstein to talk about athletics and the honor system, specifically, the role that coaches play in the honor system.

Also, this summer some members of Council will be working with veteran professors on presenting the honor system to new faculty members. The plan is still to send letters to the chairpersons of academic departments, asking them of concerns they have specific to each department, and from that, gather ideas to incorporate into the new faculty introductions.

Honor Code Orienteer Training: the last session will be on Tuesday, May 3rd. All members of the community are again invited to attend. The workshop begins at 9 pm. There will be a session on listening skills and the HCO's from the past year will speak on their experiences with freshmen.

Confidential business followed. The sun was still shining when the meeting ended, thanks to daylight savings time.

"To the bright red devil who keeps me in this tough town." - Joni Mitchell