

## Minutes of the Honor Council Meeting for March 20th, 1990

Present: Al Bing, John Devlin, David Dickinson, Kate DiLorenzo, Matt Easton, Carrie Kenny, Margie Morris, Theo Noell, Ronjon Paul, Gary Restaino, Jenny Sartori, Drew Sommers, Cheryl Sternman, Christopher Young.

Following our moment of silence, Cheryl Sternman read a letter from an alumnus regarding his experiences with the code, a trial and a friend.

Next, we spent a considerable amount of time discussing how abstract abstracts should be. The consensus finally reached is that they should be as close to the facts as possible, and should never depart from the original spirit. In separately evaluated instances – but only with great discretion – we might alter certain specifics to make the case or wording more understandable.

We also considered precedents: abstracts are to be precedents for the future, and yet we are not to work by precedent. There can be a tension between continuity and responding to individual situations. Yet, as pointed out, individual circumstances and precedent are not mutually exclusive.

Our consensus is that we should have some familiarity with previous abstracts, without using them as for deciding matters. Any juror (like any student) may look in the abstracts on reserve in the library. Yet we will not make looking at abstracts a procedure for jurors.

This semester we are looking towards a better connection between us and new professors in acquainting them with our honor system. Thus, we are inviting Bruce Partidge, the provost-to-be, to a Council meeting.

There exists around here a packet concerning plagiarism. It is, apparently, a thorough and explicit set of guidelines and rules. Council is going to take a look at this packet, and then distribute it to students. Plus there are plans to put it in the student handbook for next year. Since people often have some amount of uncertainty about proper citation, *we feel that such information is always useful*.

We covered confidential material, and then the following rescheduling:

We had to juggle dates for our class study breaks. The night for seniors and frosh is now for April 4th. Juniors and sophomores will be later on.

Furthermore, we needed to reschedule a time for a race relations workshop for ourselves. That has yet to be settled.

This Sunday for an hour (6-7pm), Honor Council and Students' Council are going to have a joint meeting. Should be fun and exciting, and perhaps even productive.

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## Et Cetera . . .

HCO committee is alive and busy.

Al and Ronjon, I believe, are themselves busy connecting up with campus groups, setting up their liaison positions.

I should have already finished drafting an abstract, but I didn't. I hope to finish that today or tomorrow.

We shall be working on the "Rosie" abstract.

Read through it carefully and critically. Jot down any suggested corrections. It will go so much faster if we come together with ideas of how it might be improved, rather than using our collective time to work out those problems.

Our meeting this Sunday in the Smith room will begin at 4:30 .  
Then at six we will join Students' Council for an hour-long joint meeting.

I know that this mid-term time is tough.  
So good luck to everyone on papers and exams and sanity.

See you around.

Christopher

post-script:

As perhaps some of you know, Bryn Mawr has been having troubles with its VAX system. They were working on their hardware earlier this week, and it was out for awhile. But then, between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, there were four crashes. And I was responsible for them all. Mind you, it wasn't at all intentional; nor was it really my fault. Apparently something strange happened to a file of mine so that when I try working in my BMC account, it crashes their whole system.

First I did it around two o'clock on Wednesday, completely innocently. Then I did it a half hour later, and I was struck by how the system went down at exactly the same step for me. Next I did it later that night. And then I realized that I was the cause. And last it happened Thursday morning as a knowledgeable SA went through my account.

Don't worry, though. I have confessed to the computer center. And they are working on the problem.

## Minutes of the Honor Council Meeting for March 25th, 1990

**Present:** Al Bing, John Devlin, David Dickinson, Kate DiLorenzo, Carrie Kenny, Theo Noell, Ronjon Paul, Michael Sklar, Drew Sommers, Cheryl Sternman, Christopher Young; also, Gary Resteino and Jenny Sartori attended the joint meeting, 6-7pm.

We had a rather light meeting this week, agenda-wise and attendance-wise.

We first heard an update on **Al Bing and Ronjon Paul's liaison project**. They are working to connect Council with certain campus groups (namely: ASA, BGALA, BSL, Feminist Alliance, Hillel, ISA & PRSH). Al and Ronjon sent out letters to the groups and are waiting for responses. They spoke with Dean Hamabata, who was very enthusiastic about their work. One idea of Hamabata's was that the two of them give the dean a briefing periodically on what comes up. Al and Ronjon informed the Council that there are thoughts of forming a **student-based coalition** to link such groups, particularly for social causes or events.

Kate DiLorenzo and David Dickinson reported to the rest of Council on the **progress of the HCO Committee**. They created an application and put forth copies. They held an informational gathering for people interested in applying. And they drew up interview questions. The committee will carry on interviewing this week, from Tuesday through Sunday. A note to community members had announced the meeting, as well as the applications and interviews.

Michael Sklar mentioned the **appearance of disturbing graffiti** in a men's bathroom in the library, which were anti-semitic and homophobic. Another person noted the **Hillel sign** which was put up on the comment board with a letter after it had been repeatedly torn down. For all the outcry, there isn't an end.

A thought of ours is to draw up a **list of what has been going on** to draw attention to the number and kind of offensive acts that have recently happened here. A second thought was to ask professors to hold moments of silence on a particular day so that students might be aware of and reflect on such events.

**At 6:00 Honor Council and Students' Council held a joint meeting** for an hour. The discussion mostly concerned the responsibilities of the two bodies, in particular where responsibilities might overlap and how the bodies might work together. Students' Council already has raised with itself the issue of whether they should take moral stances. As they have discussed it before and it is a great concern to them, several of their members spoke passionately, for either side of the issue. Though the meeting may not have been most productive, it might be the start of something good.

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## Minutes of the Honor Council Meeting for April Fools' Day, 1990

Present: Al Bing (late), John Devlin, David Dickinson, Kate DiLorenzo, Matt Easton, Carrie Kenny, Margie Morris, Theo Noell, Ronjon Paul, Gary Restaino, Michael Sklar, Drew Sommers, Cheryl Sternman, Christopher Young.

We met in the Swarthmore Room this week. How exciting! We began at 4:30, since JSAAPP was due at 5:00. And we started with a moment of silence.

Then we reviewed our up-coming class study breaks. The Seniors' is Wednesday, April 4th at 10:15 in the Sunken Lounge. The Frosh will have theirs on Sunday night (3/8) at 6:30 in the Sunken Lounge. Study breaks for the two middle classes will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th.

Ronjon Paul reported to Council the progress that he and Al Bing have had with their project. They are waiting for responses to the letter they sent out to campus groups. And they are still working out a day for reflecting on various incidents of disrespect or hatred that have happened here recently.

The HCO committee had their last night of interviewing ahead of them. Now they have the very difficult task of making their decisions.

John Devlin reviewed general reactions from the ratification-card comments. Commonly raised concern were the problems with ratifying the Code last at Plenaries; the idea of ratifying the 'social' and 'academic' codes separately; and the lack of follow-up support for parties of a trial. Overwhelmingly, however, comments addressed the removal of the ISMs clause. Those who were displeased with that resolution were tremendously outspoken.

We have an abstract coming out this week. Provost-to-be, Professor Bruce Partridge will be joining us for our meeting on April 22nd.

JSAAPP joined us at 5:00. [ Gideon Bernstein, Erika Bruner, Matt Hamabata, and Seth Stodder joined us; John Devlin, Theo Noell, and Drew Sommers were already with us. ] We discussed for an hour and a half an issue concerning where and how Honor Council and JSAAPP overlap. Issues for JSAAPP naturally involve the Alcohol Policy, often concern legalities, and can easily extend well into responsibilities of the 'social' Honor Code. If they extend far enough into social responsibilities (i.e., beyond procedural matters), how are Council and JSAAPP to determine who is to handle such issues? This is an area which the two bodies are just beginning to pioneer.

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## Minutes of the Honor Council Meeting for April 9th, 1990

**Present:** Al Bing, John Devlin, David Dickinson, Matt Easton (L), Dave Fougere, Carrie Kenny, Margie Morris, Theo Noell, Gary Restaino, Jenny Sartori, Michael Sklar, Drew Sommers, Cheryl Sternman, Christopher Young. Also, Carmen Pérez, Richard Nathanson, Craig McGriffin, Nancy Kaufmann; Carlo Cerruti (for first agenda item).

After a moment of silence (Honor-Council style), Carlo Cerruti raised the first item on the agenda: COUNCIL\_AFFAIRS under the vax NOTES. It's already in existence -- go ahead and check into it (if you don't know how, ask an S.A. We'll see if we can post some directions). We also considered expanding the idea by circulating questions among us, your Honor Council representatives, and posting our responses. Voices favored such a prospect.

We had a few points relating to new SC/HC cooperation. Theo Noell and myself will try linking up with some members of Students' Council to draw up statements of purpose for Honor Council and Students' Council.

Just as we had SC visitors at this meeting and will have more to come, Honor Council members have begun sitting in on SC meetings. David Dickinson and I, who were at last Sunday's, gave our impressions.

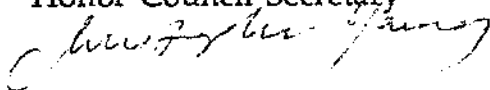
We reviewed our two Study Breaks to date. In the past week, our first-year and our fourth-year representatives held study breaks. By numbers and expectations, the Seniors had a success, and the Frosh did not. By quality of dialogue, everyone who attended had a success. There was a discussion on why the Frosh's wasn't better attended (poor publicity, lack of an issue), and there were questions of whether the idea should continue.

Our study breaks for second- and third-year students will be Wednesday, April 25th.

Al Bing and Ronjon Paul's project has had some favorable feedback, and yet no definite responses. They are making efforts to establish contact with many campus groups, even forming a student-based coalition. It is rather frustrating to them on a couple of accounts: one, they would like to get it all going before the semester ends (yet as the semester winds down, it becomes harder to get it started); and, two, the work is dependent on the will of the groups involved (not just their own strong desire).

We discussed reactions to the latest abstract, "Rosie". It was too recently put out for us to have heard much from the community. But we had our own rethinkings on the names. Plus we went into a discussion of whether a juror should be appointed to follow up with the party involved and with the carrying out of the resolutions, making certain that all is alright.

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Et Cetera . . .

## Minutes of the Honor Council Meeting for April 17th, 1990

**Present:** John Devlin, David Dickinson, Kate DiLorenzo, Matt Easton, Carrie Kenny, Theo Noell, Ronjon Paul, Gary Restaino, Jenny Sartori, Michael Sklar (quite late), Drew Sommers, Cheryl Sternman, Christopher Young (a bit late).

On account of Easter, we met on Tuesday instead of Sunday. Otherwise, it was normal place and normal time (Smith Room of the DC at 5:00).

Theo Noell reported to us the **results of a recent JSAAPP inquiry**. Be on the lookout for a couple of up-coming abstracts from JSAAPP.

Plannings of certain Honor Council members fell through over the last week. They were working on putting together an idea and a letter concerning racist incidents on campus this year. We hope that they'll get it together this week.

Next Sunday (the 22nd), **Professor Bruce Partridge will be joining us at 5:30**. He has been designated as Haverford's next provost. And so we would like to speak with him about specific faculty-student issues. We prepared several questions for discussion, such as -- what should a student do when a professor does not follow our standards or procedures (a new or visiting professor who proctors exams, for example). Or, in difficulties with professors, whom should a student contact -- the professor, the provost, or Council? Students interested in visiting this Council meeting are as **welcome as always**. (We might need some more work on welcoming our guests, but give us a try.)

We discussed **reactions to "Rosie"** which we had heard. Apparently, there was no major outrage at the outcome, since the written responses which we received were favorable for the most part. But there have been criticisms of the resolutions as too harsh. We do not expect unanimity throughout the school, and so we like to hear the variations in opinions. It is good for us.

We ended with work on our own up-coming abstract, with several of us staying even an hour afterwards to finish it up.

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Et Cetera ...

Our next meeting is at 4:45. Make a note of that change. And be on time.

If I'm not mistaken, Carrie, Gary, and John are going to attend the next Students' Council meeting.

Be full of ideas for Professor Partridge's visit.

Sophomores and Juniors be set to plan study breaks.

Just a few more weeks left!

christopher

post-script:

A friend of mine from home I have known from the week he was born. He was born on April 22nd. So this year his birthday is Earth Day. Pretty neat, I thought. Having the whole world celebrating on one's birthday.

By chance, Matt Easton met this person recently, at an Ultimate Frisbee tournament. So I have to mention that I forgot Matt's birthday, which was April 10th, I believe. Happy late Birthday, Matt.



## Minutes of the Honor Council Meeting for April 22nd, 1990

**Present:** Al Bing, John Devlin, David Dickinson, Kate DiLorenzo, Dave Fougere, Carrie Kenny, Theo Noell, Ronjon Paul, Gary Restaino, Jenny Sartori, Michael Sklar, Drew Sommers, Cheryl Sternman, Christopher Young; Matt Easton.

We began with a moment of silence, before diving into a full agenda.

Senior Bill Ruff is gathering a group of students to visit a nearby old-folks home (the Quadrangle). Council members in particular, as well as SC members, were asked to go (there wasn't enough time to let plan it for anyone among the college to go). A few of us who have the time will leave from Stokes at 6:15 with the others, returning at perhaps 9:00. They might even dress up a tad for the occasion.

Senior Terry Williams, as a member of Commencement Committee, requested volunteers to usher for graduation. A few of us who will be around then (and not graduating) did volunteer (or at least showed interest).

Michael Sklar reviewed the "Rosie" abstract responses for the rest of Council. On one end, students criticized the resolutions for being too harsh. On the other end, students commended the resolutions. Such is Haverford. Cheryl Sternman is going to start a file of all the responses received.

Juniors and Sophomores are going to have their separate study breaks this week (Coop and Sunken Lounge, respectively -- same night and time as all study breaks).

After the Council meeting adjourned, representatives of each class got together to prepare for the big night.

Thoughts of our writing a letter to next year's incoming class have arisen among us. Though it won't be finished instantly, we should have a letter done by the semester's end.

Several members of Council drafted a letter for the faculty, requesting that they observe a moment of silence at the start of all classes on this Wednesday. The moment of silence (and perhaps even a short discussion) would be for reflecting on actual incidents of violence based on prejudices, from this campus in this year.

We were going over this letter WHEN . . .

**Bruce Partridge visited our meeting.**

We had invited him (our provost-to-be) to discuss several issues of student-faculty concerns. We spoke about concerns regarding new or visiting professors: (1) a few instances of such professors disregarding or

misunderstanding our Code; (2) the need to orient them to our system, as much as any new community member; and (3) difficulties of such an orientation.

Each year the HCO program covers incoming professors. Yet there has been some dissatisfaction with the performance there in past years. And Professor Partridge felt that, over past years, there haven't been impressive efforts to orient new faculty members.

From examples we raised, Bruce Partridge noted two types of problems which students might have with professors in which communication with someone is warranted. If the issue relates to the Honor Code, then students should first try resolving the issue with professor directly, using members of Council as back-up resources. For other difficulties with a professor, first they should talk with that professor. If that is not possible or not productive, the next person is the department head. If that is not possible/productive, the provost is the next in line. Students may also want to consult with their deans.

Another issue raised with Bruce Partridge regarded **the interview process for selecting new professors**. To his knowledge (and to the surprise of some of us), there is no regular inquiry for how professorial candidates view our honor system. As one of two who reviews all major candidates, Bruce Partridge is interested in making that a regular issue, particularly if Council can draw up specialized material (such as a manageable explanation of the Code).

With respect to an issue of the out-coming abstract ("John and Linda"), we asked him for **a faculty's view on citation of preparatory sources**. He mentioned the safest convention: citing in the bibliography everything which one reads in preparing work.

We asked him for comments on two letters we have ready for distribution. One is to remind all community members of the wisdom and benefit (if not necessity) of being clear about guidelines for assignments and exams. Benefits apply to students and faculty alike. Being clear saves trouble in the long-run.

We also ran by him our letter to the faculty requesting moments of silence this Wednesday. With a few insightful comments, he was supportive of the idea.

After Professor Partridge left us, Council moved on to some confidential matter relating to JSAAPP before ending the meeting.

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Next meeting is being held at 8:00 pm, in the SC room (unless we here elsewhere).

We shall have much to do and much to discuss,

so let's all be on time.

(Particularly because we are running low on semester time but still have much to cover, and because we each are running especially low on spare time.)

Sophomores and Juniors have their Study Breaks this Wednesday.

Theo is getting donuts.

Sophomores, I believe, are meeting for lunch on Tuesday to make plans, while juniors drew up plans before leaving on Sunday.

Al and Jenny will be joining next SC meeting.

Though we didn't hear anything from them this meeting, the HCO committee is as busy as ever it seems.

Hooray for them!

Drew and Jenny were willing/interested in being fill-in HCO committee members for next semester when several current members will no longer be around.

-christopher

### post-script

(because you want to know. . .)

I went home for 24 hours over the weekend.

After getting our apartment fixed up and looking nice, my parents held an engagement party for my sister and her fiance. They shall be married in a year (minus three days). And that's about when I plan on cutting my hair next.