

# The Honor Council Minutes®

*Present: Ellen Babil, Jason Breyan, Tuna Chatterjee, Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Matt Lessinger, Chris Ogiba, Alexandra Ornston, Mark Papadopoulos, Billy Pekin, Noah M. Pines (Secretary), John Swigart, Carl Tishler*

*Absent: Megan Breslin, Sid Brown, Sarah Frazier, Aaron Wolpert*

We began with a moment of silence.

- 1) Paul read a letter from sophomore Aaron Wolpert who has not attended a single meeting:

February 15, 1993

Dear Paul Dubbeling and Honor Council:

Just a note to let you know that I have decided not to attend honor council meetings or trials despite my recent election. My nomination was, quite frankly, a joke -- a joke carried even further by my improbable election. The very facts that I ran unopposed and won despite doing nothing (no speech, no posters) actively as a campaign illustrates bluntly the sad apathy which has made the honor code fail at Haverford. Face it -- the honor code does not exist. Sure, Fords "care" about it when it comes to self-scheduled exams, alcohol policy, and the ever-popular feelings of oppression here, but it is truly pathetic that no one in the class of '95 felt they could spare the time to serve an honor code to which most of them profess a profound commitment. It is baffling to me how anyone can claim they haven't the time to participate in Honor Council. I spend at least 25 hours and 7 days a week for the track team, yet I have plenty of time, if I wanted, to attend the meetings, etc. The majority of Fords have those 25 hours free but refuse to bother to support their beloved honor code.

In short, I will not attend honor council meetings because 1) the honor code does not exist and 2) I refuse to be associated with a group which ignores this fact and obviously does not take itself seriously, judging from the trivialization of the minutes. And what does the white culture group have to do with honor council? And why use honor council to even mention anything as blatantly ridiculous? Note that I am not resigning from honor council, I am simply not participating.

Sincerely,

Aaron D. Wolpert

Paul said that the sophomore class can take action and replace him. They need to have a class meeting at which 40% of the class is present; two-thirds of the class must agree to replace him. If this meeting does not happen, Aaron will be counted as "not here."

John said that this meeting should definitely be organized. Alexandra agreed, saying that there are people ready to help organize Aaron's ouster as well as others who would like to fill his position.

Noah mentioned that Aaron is complaining about non-participation -- but that he is the one who is not participating!

Someone else suggested that the elections were not run very well -- but Xan countered saying that the sophomore class had a great turnout for elections, but only Aaron was running.

If sophomores are interested in helping to run this special meeting and subsequent election, please contact Alexandra, Mark, or John. If a meeting happens, Mark will run it for he has had the most experience on Council.

- 2) Fritz Kaegi, an ex-member of Council, wrote a response to Mike Zarin who had some problems with the jury's decision on the Brendon case:

20 February 1993

Dear Mike,

Thanks for your letter regarding the Brendon abstract; we especially appreciate your input because few others have put their opinions to paper regarding this trial. As one of the Council members on that trial, please allow me to respond on behalf of the jury and Honor Council.

For several hours, we debated whether Brendon's lying was moot because his (unsubstantiated) actions wouldn't have gained him an extension, anyway. Eventually, we rejected this argument. Even though a failure did appear in this transcript, Brendon nevertheless used several excuses and stories in an attempt to change this outcome. Apparently, he believed he could use such skulduggery to escape the outcome mandated by the Dean's Office policy. Furthermore, it is conceivable that these stories, and his contention that he was not aware of the extension policy, could have obtained him a more lenient treatment. The jury believed that these attempts constituted a breach of the Honor Code since they were extended, premeditated deceptions in their own right, and furthermore could have led to a grade change.

As to your statement that the trial was "an attempt to 'evict' Brendon," I can only speak for the jurors. We arrived at our resolutions solely on the basis of the gravity of Brendon's infractions. We were specifically instructed at several points in the trial to only consider this matter, and were forbidden to investigate questions regarding the past relationship between Brendon and the Dean. Most jurors, including myself, had no knowledge about Brendon's past. One can only speculate as to the Dean's motive in bringing this matter to Honor Council; in this respect, you may have a point. I need not remind you that the Dean of the College, not the jury, made the decision to separate Brendon.

Sincerely,

Fritz Kaegi

3) Paul said that the Administration wants students from Honor Council to sit in on lunches with prospective Dean candidates. If they have any strong opinions/ impressions about the candidates, they are encouraged to voice them to the Administration/ search committee.

John asked whether any of the candidates are "on the inside," or already deans here. Paul thinks that all of the candidates are from outside the college.

4) Paul is continuing to try to clear the docket. There will be one or two abstracts released each week until the end of the semester.

5) Reports on Honor Council committees:

#### **The Honor Council Files Project is done!**

**The Honor Code History Project:** Carl said that he, John, and Mark still do not have a clear conception as to the project. Should it be a history of the last decade or from the its inception in 1897? What of the MacKay report? Who is the audience? He mentioned that they found a comprehensive history of the Code that was written in 1983 and that it can serve as a history up until then.

Noah said that, when he brought the idea up, he conceived of it going in the newspaper, as a serial article. He envisioned a straight historical survey of the Code, including trends in abstracts and interesting events surrounding the Code. Carl asked about how primary research could be done to document the last ten years. Noah suggested that they go to the alumni office and contact the Honor Council chairs from the last ten years.

Mark said that they are waiting to do research on recent time -- that they are going to produce the older stuff first. Noah mentioned Hillary Edwards as a person who did a wonderful job researching last year for the History Project -- she would be a good person to enlist again. Paul asked whether there were any other suggestions as to a presentation to an audience. Noah suggested that Council could bind it in a booklet; Paul works in the bindery and said that this could happen if Council budgeted it for it next year.

John asked about a time table for the project. Paul wants it done by the end of the semester, ready to be published either in the last few issues of the Bi-Co News or for next year, for the incoming class of '97(!!!!).

Mark, John, and Carl are meeting next Friday at 3:30pm in Lloyd 91. If you are interested in helping, you are welcome. Carl is concerned that they are going to be inundated with help -- and that they might have to move to Marshall to accommodate these zealous helpers.

John asked whether they could incorporate the sophomore meeting into Plenary. Paul thought that the constitution mandated a special class meeting. He also thought it would be pretty mean to bring Aaron up before the entire school.

**The Admissions Project:** Matt called Janine Guglielmino and she is really excited about helping him do the project. They are going to talk with Delsie Phillips and other Admissions Office staff to determine the

best way to do this project (to inform incoming students more comprehensively about what it is like to live under the Code).

**HCO Committee & JSAAPP:** JSAAPP is meeting this Friday. HCO Committee had their information meeting at which it handed out applications. These applications are due this Friday @ 5:00pm outside of Gummere 136 or Jones 32. You can pick up a copy of the application outside of either of these locations.

**Standardization Project:** Billy and Tuna met and determined that this is going to be a very large project. They are going to standardize procedures from the way the Chair contacts a confronted party to the organization of abstracts under rubrics such as "plagiarism," "social," etc. Paul is going to join the standardization project.

If you are interested in helping contact either Billy or Tuna or join them for dinner on Monday @ 6:00pm for dinner.

6) The next Honor Council meeting will be right after Plenary next Sunday, February 28 on the stage. In the future, or if we don't make quorum at our normal time, so that we can accommodate our dual HC/ SC member Sid Brown, we will be meeting on Sundays at 5:00pm in the Smith Room. You are always invited!!!

7) John brought up a point about Plenary: many people have come to him concerned about one person/ group submitting many resolutions. People have said that this practice deters people from attending because they do not want to listen to one person speak for three hours. He wanted to know whether there was something Council could do.

Paul said there is nothing in the constitution against it. Billy said that the real problem is apathy.

John asked whether people would support a resolution limiting the number of resolutions that a person could submit. Mark suggested that he post something on the Comment Board -- and get some community input. He said that he put something on the Board asking people to limit the number of resolutions for Plenary -- for time's sake. Paul suggested that John talk to people directly -- and discussed his encounter with Erik Oliver over his resolutions. He noted that Erik seemed to feel that submitting these resolutions was a matter of conscience. A resolution limiting the number of resolutions would therefore be discouraging.

8) Tuna was concerned about the voting process. She heard from many students that the voting procedure leads to many not voting, people who normally would have voted. These people tend to shove their campus mail into their backpacks and don't read it for a couple of days -- after which, the election is over. People suggested to her that Council set up a special table for voting, to make sure that people are voting. Paul said that it was definitely a possibility and that we would decide on it before the next elections. Noah suggested a bright, fluorescent display.

9) Alexandra said that people had come to her with the following concern: in the **Maya** abstract, there were many ridiculous things that the jury did, such as reaching under the Professor's door with a coathanger. There were other concerns, also. Paul is writing a response to these peoples' concerns.

Matt said that he received many positive responses to the Maya abstract: that it was a good, solid decision that went all the way through -- jury, deans and president.

10) Noah was concerned about the section in the Code about putting abstracts out 4 weeks after the trial -- and about whether this constraint could compromise confidentiality in certain situations. The Code is not written such that putting out abstracts is at Council's discretion -- it is stated, clearly, that an abstract must be released 4 weeks after a trial.

Paul mentioned that John Devlin was faced with a deluge of trials last semester -- and was therefore unable to put out the abstracts on time. That was not his fault. Noah is writing a Plenary resolution on this matter.

11) **Quote of the meeting:** "We'll move it to Marshall if we have to."

-- Carl, on the possibility that many people may come to his

**Honor Code History Project meeting.** Which they might, since he is still single.

*We ended with a moment of silence.*

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Absent: Sid Brown (5)

We began with a moment of silence.

1) There will be an open community discussion about **current gender concerns on Tuesday, April 13 @ 10:00pm in Chase 104**. The talk will be moderated by Colin Rule and Ellen Babil.

The discussion is being organized by the women who wrote the letter about gender concerns and athletics. All are encouraged to attend.

2) We discussed some confidential stuff (54).

3) The responses on the backs of the Honor Code ratification cards will be published by next week.

4) Professor Lyle Roelofs wrote a letter to Honor Council about the **Royce** trial:

26 March, 1993

Dear Members of Honor Council:

I write in response to your questions:

(1) I do feel that a grade change should have been a part of this resolution. In my opinion Royce did not view his action with appropriate gravity and the trust if the community would have been strengthened by the knowledge that Honor Council is prepared to impose genuine penalties for clear violations. There is also a matter of uniformity of treatment that I'd like to elaborate upon, but cannot for reasons of confidentiality.

(2) Yes, Royce's action was a violation of the Honor Code. It is also worrisome that he failed to report himself until confronted by Edmund, who should be celebrated for his respect for the Code.

(3) Honor Council cannot, in my opinion, mandate a grade change over the objections of the professor involved. I would hope, however, that they would work very diligently to persuade the professor of the advisability of such a move when necessary.

(4) Grades despite their imperfect ability to reflect one's abilities, retain their significance as the one enduring summary assessment of the quality of one's work. On that basis they merit concern and should be assigned with due diligence and deliberation.

Further comments:

As noted under (2) above, it would have been very appropriate for Council and the abstract to have expressed thanks on behalf of the community to Edmund for this important role in persuading Royce to bring this matter to Honor Council.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Lyle Roelofs  
Physics

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5) There were some responses to the Royce abstract:

a) "I think they [the resolutions] are all good. I think the grade should be left to the professor -- he seems to think it should not be changed, and that's fine. Even when the jury recommends a specific grade change, it's really just a suggestion -- the professor has the final word anyway."

b) "Of course it is [that Royce's action was a violation of the Code]. I don't think it was that major. It would be major if it was a major assignment or a test, but this was just a small part of the grade. The most serious violation was the breach of trust with Erik, not the cheating itself."

6) Council is trying its best to get the standardization and history projects done by the end of the year. Carl informed Council that his group is almost ready to go on the history before the year 1983 -- he was concerned, however, whether there is going to be enough time to finish it. Paul said that he would be in the area this summer and would finish it if necessary.

7) Paul said that JSAAPP is going to have a huge meeting and that the HCO's are being trained.

8) We discussed some more confidential stuff.

*We* ended with a moment of silence.

# THE HONOR COUNCIL<sup>minutes</sup>

*"A new masthead for a new secretaracy..." -A.Ornston*

September 5, 1993

**Present:** Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Megan Breslin (Acting Secretary), John Lithgow, Alexandra Ornston, Sarah Frazier, Matt Lessinger, Jason Breyan.

**Missing in Action:** Tuna Chatterjee, Chris Ogiba, Mark Papadopoulos.

## Elections

In case you haven't already heard, your opportunity to elect the eleven new Honor Council members will occur on **Monday 9/13** and **Tuesday 9/14**. The electoral process is slightly complicated this year, as the election for secretary is being held simultaneously with the class representative elections. Remember to cast your vote for secretary as well as your class representative(s), since votes for both offices are being cast on the same ballot. Vote for the maximum number of representatives possible in your class (this number appears for each class on the ballot). When Paul tabulates the votes, he will determine whom the new secretary is (and hence, his or her class) and adjust the number of class representatives accordingly. If, for example, the secretary is a sophomore, there will be one of the two sophomore representative positions left open. The sophomore candidate who receives the greatest number of votes will then win that position, and the two open sophomore positions will have been accounted for. Juniors should note that there are three positions open in their class, as John Swigart '95 is studying abroad.

## Summer Workshop to Discuss Diversity

A summer workshop to discuss the issues of diversity which arose last spring was held in July, with approximately forty students representing a variety of viewpoints on the subject attending. The first concrete outcome of this meeting is scheduled for October 1, when the Deans will release an information packet for all students describing the revised policies and avenues of redress for situations involving racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual discrimination and/or harassment. This date has been set in order to give the Deans time to consult with a variety of student leaders and activists about the policy. Students who have questions on this matter are advised to contact Randy Mildren, Dean of the College, with their concerns, as well as Honor Council, so that their input may be considered in Honor Council's recommendations to the Deans in formulating the policy.

## Paperwork Update

Paul informs us that his ongoing struggle to "clear the docket" has not been forgotten. Two more abstracts were completed over the course of the summer, and although five more remain, he is confident that the docket will, indeed, be cleared, hopefully by the end of his term. The Honor Code History Project, in the meantime, has been scrapped, due to lack of time and the existence of similar histories. Public outcry combined with volunteers to help with the project will result in its reinstatement.

## A Friendly Reminder From the Staff

Julie Summerfield of the bookstore wishes to remind all of us on behalf of the entire Haverford staff that the Honor Code applies to student-staff relations too! This means that we should treat the staff

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with the same concern and courtesy with which we (hopefully) treat our classmates, professors, and administrators. So, such behavior as stealing "minor" items such as pens or candy bars from the Bookstore is a no-no, as well as more outright thefts involving breaking and entering, and also, although Julie did not mention this specifically, puking on our suite's carpet and leaving it and/or other messes for Housekeeping to clean up, etc.

## **Top Secret**

Highly confidential matters of utmost Haverford security were discussed, to be revealed in future abstracts, coming to a mailbox near you. Sarah asked if there would be minutes for the meeting, and Paul told Megan that there would be. He made her promise not to shamelessly exploit the minutes for election purposes, and she agreed that she wouldn't suggest that everyone reading the minutes should vote for her in the upcoming election for secretary.

## **Close Encounters**

An honor council member tells us that while on the campus of an American university, she was approached by an unknown Haverford alumnus, who recognized her affiliation with the College by her Haverford hat. After asking whether she was currently attending Haverford, and also, whether she was, by any chance, on Honor Council, the alumnus proceeded to report a violation of the "overnight rule" he committed two decades ago. This prudish incarnation of the social Honor Code forbade visits from the opposite sex past decent evening hours, and the concomitant indecent acts which are sometimes known to take place between those visiting past these times. Upon confessing his past transgression, the unknown alumnus ran away, thus concluding this meeting between Haverford's past and present generations. Honor Council does not plan to investigate the matter.

# THE HONOR COUNCIL<sup>minutes</sup>

*"And let us presently go sit in council /How covert matters  
may be best disclosed/And open perils surest answered."  
Shakespeare, Julius Caesar (IV, i, 45-47).*

September 19, 1993

**Present:** Elson Blunt, Jodi Burrus, Megan Breslin (Secretary), Tuna Chatterjee, Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Craig Dorfman, Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Sarah Frazier, John Lithgow, Karen Merikangas, Chris Ogiba, Alexandra "Xan" Ornston, Amy Pope, Christopher Zafiriou

**Not:** Harsimran Dang

**Nostalgic Visitor:** Theo Posselt

## Election Results

The election results (by class) are as follows:

**Class of '97:** Craig Dorfman, Harsimran Dang, Karen Merikangas, Christopher Zafiriou.

**Class of '96:** Kathy Danek, Amy Pope.

**Class of '95:** Elson Blunt, Alexandra Orsnton.

**Class of '94:** Megan Breslin (secretary), Beezie Dallas.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who ran and/or voted, thus participating in the noble tradition of student government which is the Haverford Way.

## Meeting Time

Honor Council shall meet each **Sunday at 5:00 pm** in the **Smith Room**, located on the left side of the Dining Center. Please show up at the meeting to chat, gripe, query, or just hang out. **Harsimran Dang, this means you!**

## Diversity Issues Update

The Deans will be releasing an outline of the revised policy regarding racial, ethnic, religious, and/or sexual harrassment this week. Your suggestions, questions, criticisms, concerns, and any other comments you may wish to make are crucial! Make your opinions known by approaching any and all Honor Council members, or, if you wish, the Deans. Once this outline and your suggestions have been reviewed, the final policy will be released to the student body on October 1.

## Paperwork Update

The two previously mentioned abstracts (see Minutes of 9/5) are being edited and rendered in Microsoft Word format as you read. A third abstract will shortly be underway. All will appear in your mailboxes, eventually.

## The Minutes

Your friendly Honor Council members are, of course, responsible for posting these lovely minutes which I laboriously churn out each week. A cleverly constructed distribution system allows the minutes to reach you, in all their verbose splendor, each week. On the back of this piece of paper you will see the list of people and the places where they must post them. If the minutes should, for any reason, fail to appear in the appropriate place at the appropriate time (mid- to

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late week ), please feel free to call the party(ies) responsible for the location in question at the number(s) listed below and tell them nicely. Should this fail to move your forgetful representative(s) to action, please call me, Megan Breslin, at 526-7732 to lodge your complaint, and I will be happy to "remind" them for you. The list is as follows:

Library, Dining Center, Campus Center, Bus Stops: Megan Breslin 526-7732

Lloyd 10-40: Beezie Dallas 649-8212

Lloyd 50-90: Paul Dubbeling 645-5365

18 Leeds: Sarah Frazier 645-9042

17 Comfort 3rd and 4th floors, Lunt: Xan Ornston 645-0503

18 Comfort 1st and 2nd floors, Jones: John Lithgow 896-5828

18 Gummere 1st section: Jodi Burrus 658-0790

18 Gummere 2nd section: Karen Merikanga 658-2339

18 Gummere 3rd Section: Tuna Chatterjee 658-2335

16 Barclay: Craig Dorfman 645-9646

2 Yarnall House, La Casa Hispanica: Chris Zafiriou 645-5362 ←

2 BCC, Drinker: Harsimran Dang 645-9406 ←

4 HPA 11, 15, 10, 14: Kathy Danek 649-3128

4 HPA 18, 22, 26, 30: Amy Pope 649-5467

4 HPA 34, 38, 42, 46: Chris Ogiba 658-0765 ←

3 HPA 31, 35, 50: Gibson Blunt 645-6068 ←

## Shhh...Don't Tell

Business of a secretive and convoluted nature was discussed, to be revealed at a later date.

## Sudden Revelations

An unidentified Honor Council Chair (name withheld for reasons of confidentiality) was speaking with an Honor Council member recently about the unofficial acronym used to summarize the goals of trial resolutions--"ERA." As the unidentified Chair went on to name the guidelines--"Education, Responsibility, Accountability," the Honor Council member pointed out that the correct concept which corresponds with the letter "R" is in fact "Repair the breach of trust." The Chair, who has bluffed his way through the explanation of the acronym for approximately one dozen trials to date, reports that "it all makes sense now."

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# THE HONOR COUNCIL<sup>minutes</sup>



*"They're Honor Coderiffic!"*



October 3, 1993

**Present:** Elson Blunt, Megan Breslin (Secretary), Jodi Burrus, Tuna Chatterjee, Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Simran Dang, Craig Dorfman, Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Sarah Frazier, John Lithgow, Karen Merikangas, Chris Ogiba, Xan Ornston, Amy Pope, Chris Zafiriou.

**Guest of Honor:** Oren Hadar

## Communication Outreach

Oren Hadar of Communication Outreach explained that only 4 to 6 Honor Council members can be accepted for this year's facilitation training. The limited number of spaces and the expense of the training necessitate that Communication Outreach's need for "new blood" be balanced against Honor Council's need for facilitation training. Thus, only non-senior Honor Council members who make a commitment to work as part of communication outreach will be accepted for training, after being selected through the normal application process.

## Diversity Issues Update

Honor Council formulated its recommendations for revised judicial procedures, including those dealing with "isms." Look for the new policy on October 8, coming to a mailbox near you.

In addition, Honor Council will be receiving training to sensitize its members to issues of difference. This training will be administered by "Eclipse," the organization responsible for the annual Tri-College workshop over winter break, among others (see last week's minutes). It is hoped that this training will occur over Fall Break, but scheduling difficulties may necessitate that the training occur the following weekend of October 15-17.

## Paperwork Update

Abstracts: 1 down, 12 to go.

## Behind Closed Doors

Confidential.

## Thank You, Men

Thanks to all men who have assisted the discreet and ladylike secretary in the socially, shall we say, "delicate" task of placing the Minutes in the men's rooms of the Library and Dining Center. These kind males include Brian Poon '93, Stephen A. Whitton and Jeremy Price '94, as well as Bill Stern '96. Please note also that the suitemates of Eric Gjertsen '94 have generously volunteered his time to bring the informative power of the Minutes to the previously Minutes-deprived College residence of 710.

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## **Non-Anecdote of the Week**

The secretary is tired and has German homework, and is thus unable to formulate clever statements designed to entertain and/or titillate her bored constituency. Perhaps next week she will feel more inclined to amuse you with her renowned powers of humorous banter.

# The Honor Council *Minutes*

*"Of your philosophy you make no use/If you give place to  
accidental evils," Shakespeare, Julius Caesar (V, iii, 145-46)*

October 31, 1993

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## **Plenary**

If you have **questions or concerns about Plenary**, please address them to **Students' Council**. Since Honor Council plays no role whatsoever in the planning, publicity, or any other aspect of the orchestration of either the Spring or the Fall Plenary, Students' Council is the place to go if you have questions or concerns.

In an attempt to clarify the discussion at hand in Sunday's Plenary, the Chair of Honor Council fielded some questions. Honor Council has become aware, however, that a number of people in the community are under the erroneous impression that the Chair (or, in some cases, Honor Council as a whole), is in some way connected to the administration of Plenary. However, aside from the fact that the Chair of Honor Council serves as vice-chairperson of the Plenary itself, Honor Council has no connection to Plenary. The Chair of Honor Council occasionally sits in on Executive (Students') Council meetings when asked to do so or when an issue pertinent to the Honor Code appears to be involved.

## **Diversity Issues Update**

**Honor Council participated in a sixteen-hour workshop** held Sunday, October 23, and Saturday, October 30, designed to foster thought and understanding about issues of difference and their implications for Honor Council's work, the larger community, and society in general. All sixteen members of Honor Council were present throughout the seminar, and feel that the workshop was a valuable experience.

For those wondering what happened to the long-awaited **revised judicial policy**, it should be **released any day now**. Honor Council **apologizes for in the delay**, which has occurred first in part due to difficulties in scheduling an initial meeting with the Deans. An additional delay occurred when Paul forgot his follow-up meeting with the Deans to explain Honor Council's suggested revisions to the policy. The policy was detained further when, due to the tremendous workload of the Deans' Office, it became impossible for Paul and Megan to meet with the Deans

until the week after the missed meeting. Because Honor Council's suggestions have to be considered not only by the Deans, but also by the Senior Staff, the Board of Managers, and the College's legal advisers, it was then necessary to wait for the next meeting of the Senior Staff and the Board of Managers, before sending the policy on to the lawyers.

## Responses to "Suite 67"

We received 8 responses to "Suite 67," expressing a variety of reactions.

Five of the respondents questioned the women's refusal to engage in dialogue with all of the men of Suite 67 after the trial. While only two of these respondents indicated that the case should have gone to trial, mediation was suggested by all four of them. One of the two aforementioned respondents attributed the problem to "poor communication." Another respondent, who indicated that the women should have worked their conflict with Suite 67 directly, without the intervention of Honor Council, wrote at length about the case. "James should not have been involved at all, and making him move off the hall was utterly ridiculous. Throwing a fork at a closed door is a violation of the Honor Code? My copy of the Code doesn't mention utensils! Also, volunteer work (community service) was in no way related to the alleged 'crime' committed by Suite 67 and sounds to me like a total cop-out on the Honor Council's behalf because the Council couldn't find any appropriate punishments. I am a freshman, and all I have to say is that it is unbelievable to me that the Honor Council WASTED 34 hours on such a worthless case. I considered running for Honor Council, but now I am very thankful that I didn't if this type of meaningless trial is what Honor Council concerns itself with." A fifth respondent wrote, "I am extremely angry at this abstract. These women used their gender and people's sensitivity to get back at these men for teasing them." This respondent stated that the possibility that the women's "'fears' might have been blown way, way out of proportion was passed over," and furthermore that the women refused dialogue with the men on three occasions, including just prior to the "fork incident." It was this respondent's opinion, therefore, that the women "were interested only in punitive resolutions." This respondent went on to question both the jury's and the women's disposition to view the events "in the context of sexual violence," and suggested that the women's use of "catch phrases" served to "mask the actual incidents in a cloud of gender relations." The respondent then questioned whether the case would have been handled differently if the men had written similar notes on a man's door, or if women had written them on a man's door. "Since I do not think anyone's purpose was sexual intimidation, similar comments written with reversed gender roles must be considered a violation. I somehow doubt any jury would see things this way."

A sixth respondent was concerned about the emotional dimension of the case, which s/he feels is lacking in the abstract. "Leaving so much of it out weakens my faith in the process of the Honor Council trial, because it makes no sense without the emotional aspect that must have been compelling enough to make the jury consider making 5 people move. The notes themselves do not seem compelling enough at all."

Two more respondents, both of whom thought the case merited a trial, thought additional resolutions would have been appropriate. The first of these respondents wrote that a genders studies course for the men would have been advisable. "Even if the guys felt bad in the end I don't think that they really understood the sexist context of why the notes were offensive. I think a gender studies class would have addressed this (but not in place of community service)." This respondent added, "Honor Council should not be afraid to say this was sexist, not just disrespectful. There is a larger context to these issues and others of its kind that is too often ignored. I went through a similar (but not as serious incident) last year. It would have really helped me to have known about this case. I understand that there are extenuating circumstances, but Honor Council should work harder to get abstracts out on time, especially when someone hurt by the incident requests it." The second of these respondents also commented on the long period of time between the trial and the release of the abstract. "I feel really helpless addressing these issues now that the people in the confronted party are gone, the members of the Jury and Honor Council are not available, and the fact that this matter was not brought up much sooner. The administration seems to have gone to a great deal of trouble to cover up the seriousness of the gender problems here at Haverford, and this abstract is a perfect example of this. I think the actions of the confronted party were threatening, violent, and grossly inappropriate...and because we (Haverford Community) are accustomed to covering up racial and gender tensions, this matter was handled badly, and then swept under the carpet. Not only were the notes violations of the Honor Code, but the throwing of the fork was DEFINITELY a violent action....this abstract made me very angry, and that because the resolutions did not hold the men accountable for the violence which they directed towards all of the women in the community."

Three of the respondents indicated a dissatisfaction with the preponderance of errors in the text of the abstract.

**The Secretary Replies:** "While Honor Council welcomes your responses to, and indeed, your criticism of the ways in which trials are handled, the Secretary wishes to emphasize that cases are not heard by Honor Council, but by an Honor Code Jury. This means that in any given case, half of the twelve-member jury consists of Honor Council members, and the other half is made up of community members drawn at random. Thus, although Honor Council members attempt to lend both their experience and their knowledge of the various veins of thought in the community to the discussions by the juries on which they sit, the outcome in any particular trial is ultimately as much a result of the thought processes of the six random jurors as it is the result of the actions of the six Honor Council members involved.

"Without meaning in any way to invalidate the feelings of the eighth respondent, the Secretary feels that it would be irresponsible to print his/her opinions without making some public statement about the allegations s/he has made. In answer to the the allegation that the administration 'seems to have gone through a great deal of trouble to cover up the seriousness of the gender problems here at Haverford' and, furthermore, that 'this abstract is a perfect example of this,' the Secretary would like to point out that the case was handled by a jury made up of twelve students, not by the administration. Therefore, it is only fair that any disagreement with the decision made in this case be taken up with the student jurors responsible for it, both those from Honor Council and those drawn from the community at random, some of whom will be attending the lunch discussion on Wednesday, November 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Left Side of the Dining Center.

"Similarly, the delay in releasing this abstract is also a matter to be taken up with students, in this case, the students who serve as Honor Council. We are aware of our failures in releasing abstracts in a timely and consistent fashion, and have been aware of them for some time. At the same time, however, Honor Council has been making a consistent and sustained effort under the leadership of Paul Dubbeling to correct this problem. The 'Suite 67' abstract has been released as part of this effort, in addition to those released both this semester and the semester prior to this, as well as those currently being prepared for release. We apologize for the delay in this and other abstracts, and will continue working to correct the problem. As for the suggestion that the administration is involved in a conscious and deliberate cover-up of problems involving gender relations on this campus, the Secretary would not presume to speak for the administration, but suspects that if asked, it would have a very different view from that of the respondent on the matter."

Honor Council will be holding a lunch discussion on Wednesday, November 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. , on the Left Side of the Dining Center, to talk about "Suite 67."

## **Paperwork Update**

Thus far, three abstracts have been released. Two are scheduled to be released this week.

Chris Zafiriou, who is one of the two Honor Council members coordinating the release of abstracts, wishes to explain that the many errors in "Suite 67" occurred as a result of its status as a "buried abstract," of which only one copy remained in existence. In the belief that expediency ought to take precedence over the laborious process of re-typing the abstract in its entirety, "Suite 67" was released upon its rediscovery, errors and all.

Eight more abstracts remain to be released this semester.

## **Paperwork Protest**

Speaking of abstracts, it has been suggested that Honor Council stop the age-old practice campus-mailing abstracts, instead making a less plentiful number of copies

available for public consumption via the Comment Board, the Library, E-mail, and various other community outlets. It is Honor Council's strong feeling, however, that it is best for abstracts to be presented personally (insofar as campus mail is "personal") to each and every community member, even those who do not use computer mail. In this way, Honor Council believes, each and every person is invited to read and respond to abstracts, and the information contained in them is more widely disseminated. But although trees will continue to die for this noble purpose, Honor Council will attempt to curtail their sacrifice by switching to 10-pt single-spaced type on a trial basis, beginning with "Bart." We will, of course, continue to print on both sides of the paper.

## **Other Community Concerns**

A community member has raised the concern that the trial process may not be taking into account the stresses involved for the confronting party in a trial in the same way that it does for the confronted party. Upon discussion of the matter, Honor Council agreed that it would attempt to be more sensitive to the unique pressures involved in being a confronting party.

Honor Council also discussed community concerns about the length of trials. It seems that there are a number of people in the community who are of the opinion that some trials, such as the thirty-four hour "Suite 67" case, take much longer than necessary. It is Honor Council's opinion, however, that it is better to err on the side of over-consideration of the cases brought before Honor Code Juries than to be hasty.

## **JSAAP Update**

Xan reported that JSAAP will be taking part in the Amethyst Consortium of Alcohol Educators at the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. JSAPP is exploring the possibilities for an alcohol education program at Haverford, including the possible linkage of such a program with efforts at rape prevention. Anyone with ideas or suggestions about alcohol education is encouraged to contact Xan or any other member of JSAAP.

## **Unmentionables**

Confidential.

## **River Phoenix Memorial Minute**

The Secretary has refrained from printing any humorous and/or irreverent material in this space in observance of the tragic and untimely death of the former object of her teenage affections, River Phoenix.

# The Honor Council *Minutes*

*"Of your philosophy you make no use/If you give place to  
accidental evils," Shakespeare, Julius Caesar (V, iii, 145-46)*

October 31, 1993

**Present:** Elson Blunt, Megan Breslin (Secretary), Jodi Burrus, Tuna Chatterjee, Beezie Dallas, Simran Dang, Kathy Danek, Craig Dorfman, Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Sarah Frazier, John Lithgow, Karen Merikangas, Chris Ogiba, Xan Ornston, Amy Pope, Chris Zafiriou

## **Plenary**

If you have **questions or concerns about Plenary, please address them to Students' Council**. Since Honor Council plays no role whatsoever in the planning, publicity, or any other aspect of the orchestration of either the Spring or the Fall Plenary, Students' Council is the place to go if you have questions or concerns.

In an attempt to clarify the discussion at hand in Sunday's Plenary, the Chair of Honor Council fielded some questions. Honor Council has become aware, however, that a number of people in the community are under the erroneous impression that the Chair (or, in some cases, Honor Council as a whole), is in some way connected to the administration of Plenary. However, aside from the fact that the Chair of Honor Council serves as vice-chairperson of the Plenary itself, Honor Council has no connection to Plenary. The Chair of Honor Council occasionally sits in on Executive (Students') Council meetings when asked to do so or when an issue pertinent to the Honor Code appears to be involved.

## **Diversity Issues Update**

Honor Council participated in a sixteen-hour workshop held Sunday, October 23, and Saturday, October 30, designed to foster thought and understanding about issues of difference and their implications for Honor Council's work, the larger community, and society in general. All sixteen members of Honor Council were present throughout the seminar, and feel that the workshop was a valuable experience.

For those wondering what happened to the long-awaited **revised judicial policy**, it should be **released any day now**. Honor Council apologizes for in the delay, which has occurred first in part due to difficulties in scheduling an initial meeting with the Deans. An additional delay occurred when Paul forgot his follow-up meeting with the Deans to explain Honor Council's suggested revisions to the policy. The policy was detained further when, due to the tremendous workload of the Deans' Office, it became impossible for Paul and Megan to meet with the Deans until the week after the missed meeting. Because Honor Council's suggestions have to be considered not only by the Deans, but also by the Senior Staff, the Board of Managers, and the College's legal advisers, it was then necessary to wait for the next meeting of the Senior Staff and the Board of Managers, before sending the policy on to the lawyers.



## Responses to "Suite 67"

We received 8 responses to "Suite 67," expressing a variety of reactions.

Five of the respondents questioned the women's refusal to engage in dialogue with all of the men of Suite 67 after the trial. While only two of these respondents indicated that the case should have gone to trial, mediation was suggested by all four of them. One of the two aforementioned respondents attributed the problem to "poor communication." Another respondent, who indicated that the women should have worked their conflict with Suite 67 directly, without the intervention of Honor Council, wrote at length about the case. "James should not have been involved at all, and making him move off the hall was utterly ridiculous. Throwing a fork at a closed door is a violation of the Honor Code? My copy of the Code doesn't mention utensils! Also, volunteer work (community service) was in no way related to the alleged 'crime' committed by Suite 67 and sounds to me like a total cop-out on the Honor Council's behalf because the Council couldn't find any appropriate punishments. I am a freshman, and all I have to say is that it is unbelievable to me that the Honor Council WASTED 34 hours on such a worthless case. I considered running for Honor Council, but now I am very thankful that I didn't if this type of meaningless trial is what Honor Council concerns itself with." A fifth respondent wrote, "I am extremely angry at this abstract. These women used their gender and people's sensitivity to get back at these men for teasing them." This respondent stated that the possibility that the women's "'fears' might have been blown way, way out of proportion was passed over," and furthermore that the women refused dialogue with the men on three occasions, including just prior to the "fork incident." It was this respondent's opinion, therefore, that the women "were interested only in punitive resolutions." This respondent went on to question both the jury's and the women's disposition to view the events "in the context of sexual violence," and suggested that the women's use of "catch phrases" served to "mask the actual incidents in a cloud of gender relations." The respondent then questioned whether the case would have been handled differently if the men had written similar notes on a man's door, or if women had written them on a man's door. "Since I do not think anyone's purpose was sexual intimidation, similar comments written with reversed gender roles must be considered a violation. I somehow doubt any jury would see things this way."

A sixth respondent was concerned about the emotional dimension of the case, which s/he feels is lacking in the abstract. "Leaving so much of it out weakens my faith in the process of the Honor Council trial, because it makes no sense without the emotional aspect that must have been compelling enough to make the jury consider making 5 people move. The notes themselves do not seem compelling enough at all."

Two more respondents, both of whom thought the case merited a trial, thought additional resolutions would have been appropriate. The first of these respondents wrote that a genders studies course for the men would have been advisable. "Even if the guys felt bad in the end I don't think that they really understood the sexist context of why the notes were offensive. I think a gender studies class would have addressed this (but not in place of community service)." This respondent added, "Honor Council should not be afraid to say this was sexist, not just disrespectful. There is a larger context to these issues and others of its kind that is too often ignored. I went through a similar (but not as serious incident) last year. It would have really helped me to have known about this case. I understand that there are extenuating circumstances, but Honor Council should work harder to get abstracts out on time, especially when someone hurt by the incident requests it." The second of these respondents also commented on the long period of time between the trial and the release of the abstract. "I feel really helpless addressing these issues now that the people in the confronted party are gone, the members of the Jury and Honor Council are not available, and the fact that this matter was not brought up much sooner. The administration seems to have gone to a great deal of trouble to cover up the seriousness of the gender problems here at Haverford, and this abstract is a perfect example of this. I think the actions of the confronted party were threatening, violent, and grossly inappropriate...and because we (Haverford Community) are accustomed to covering up racial and gender tensions, this matter was handled badly, and then swept under the carpet. Not only were the notes violations of the Honor Code, but the throwing of the fork was DEFINITELY a violent action....this abstract made me very angry, and that because the resolutions did not hold the men accountable for the violence which they directed towards all of the women in the community."

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# THE HONOR COUNCIL minutes

*"...cruel are the times when we are traitors  
And do not know ourselves; when we hold rumor  
From what we fear, yet know not what we fear  
But float upon a wild and violent sea  
Each way and none." --Shakespeare, Macheth (IV, ii, 18-23)*

November 21, 1993

**Present:** Elson Blunt, Megan Breslin (Secretary), Jodi Burrus, Tuna Chatterjee, Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Simran Dang, Craig Dorfman, Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Sarah Frazier, John Lithgow, Karen Merikangas, Alexandra Ornston, Amy Pope, Chris Zafiriou

**Absent:** Chris Ogiba

## Clarifications

Errors from the recent past include the misspelling of "JSAAP" and an erroneous date in the Honor Council Chair Election schedule. The correct date for nominations is Wednesday, 11/24.

The Secretary regrets the errors.

## Honor Council Chair Election News

Don't forget!

The electoral process will commence according to the following schedule:

**Wednesday, 11/24:** Nominations due, Honor Council Office, Campus Center Third Floor.

**Wednesday, 12/01:** Speeches, DC Sunken Lounge.

**Thursday 12/02 and Friday 12/03:** Election (A ballot will appear in your mailbox).

For more information, contact Paul Dubbeling at 645-5365, or by campus mail, or by VAX (pdubbeli).

## Paperwork Update

The struggle to "clear the docket" goes on. Abstracts continue to be edited for their release in the coming weeks.

Abstract Responses are being compiled by the Secretary to be excerpted in the next issue of these Minutes. These include belated responses to earlier abstracts from this semester, as well as newly-received responses to more recent ones.

## Community Concerns

A member of the faculty has expressed concern about support people for faculty members acting as confronting parties in trials. Currently no such provision for confronting faculty members exists in the Code, although students acting as confronting parties are allowed a non-faculty support person. Honor Council wishes to bring the matter to the community's attention, however, as another issue for potential consideration at the Spring Plenary.

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## **Esteemed Visitors**

Steve Cary will speak to Honor Council at its **December 5** meeting about the art of consensus.

## **Confidential**

Subjects of the cryptic and unspeakable variety were considered in an enclosed space.

## **The Well Runs Dry**

Once again we find this space devoid of all amusement.

# THE HONOR COUNCIL<sup>minutes</sup>

*"In a world without heaven to follow, the stops  
Would be endings, more poignant than partings, profounder,  
And that would be saying farewell, repeating farewell,  
Just to be there and just to behold." --Wallace Stevens,  
"Waving Adieu, Adieu, Adieu."*

December 5, 1993

**Present:** Elson Blunt, Megan Breslin (Secretary), Jodi Burrus, Tuna Chatterjee, Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Simran Dang, Paul Dubbeling (Chair), Sarah Frazier, John Lithgow (Co-Chair Elect), Karen Merikangas, Chris Ogiba, Alexandra Ornston (Co-Chair Elect), Amy Pope, Chris Zafiriou

**Absent:** Craig Dorfman

## Welcome

Honor Council welcomed the Co-Chairs Elect, John Lithgow and Alexandra Ornston. Congratulations to John and Xan, and thanks to all those who ran and/or voted in the election. John, Xan, and Paul will be in consultation with one another until the office officially switches over in January, and problems or questions may be directed to any combination of the three.

## Esteemed Visitor

Steve Cary spoke with Honor Council about a variety of Code-related matters, ranging from his opinions about what he found to be an unwarranted length of spent by the jury on "Suite 67" to some historical facts and personal views on the establishment of random jurors on Honor Code Juries. Though Steve supports the balancing of juries for gender and ethnicity, he remains skeptical about the number of random jurors currently retained on juries. He questioned what he felt to be the widespread conception of Honor Council members as somehow "insulated" from the concerns of the larger community, and voiced concern about the potentially negative consequences for the process of consensus posed by the constant turnover of the 50% of the jury made up of random jurors. He noted that the process of administrative review came about in response to the student body's decision in the early eighties to place four random jurors on each Honor Code Jury. (The number was increased to six two years ago.)

## Plenary Alert

The question of random jurors, such as how many to have, or whether to have them at all is, of course, something that can only be decided in a public meeting (attended by at least 40% of the membership of the Students' Association) designated to discuss matters relating to the Code and other issues of interest to the community...i.e., Spring Plenary.

## Election News

Xan and John announced the Honor Council representative election schedule for next semester. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, 1/21: Nominations Due, 6:00 p.m. HC Office, Campus Center, third floor.

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Wednesday, 1/26: Speeches, 6:00 p.m., (tentative location: Dining Center, Sunken Lounge).  
Thursday 1/27 and Friday 1/28: Elections (A ballot will appear in your mailbox).

The following positions will be open for election:

**Class of '94: Two semester-long positions.**

**Class of '95: One semester-long position.**

**Class of '96: Two year-long positions.**

**Class of '97: Two semester-long and two year-long positions.** (The two candidates who receive the first and second most votes take the year-long positions, while the third and fourth place candidates occupy the semester-long offices.)

## **Responses to "Thurman"**

Three responses to "Thurman" were received in our box in the mailroom. The first of these respondents seemed to disagree with the jury's decision, asking "What is gained by having Thurman fail the class? All it will do is increase his urge to cheat in order to improve his G.P.A. Why not make him repeat the class or drop him from the class and not give him credit for it?"

The second respondent, however, found the resolutions "lenient," pointing out that he "cheated twice in the same class, once in a blatant act of plagiarism, and all that happens is separation for one semester, which is then postponed? Just because he's willing to admit what he did doesn't mean he should get off this easy." This respondent found Thurman's explanation for why he had cheated the second time "ridiculous" and expressed skepticism regarding his contention that he had not plagiarized intentionally. "How could it not be intentional if he knew he wasn't citing it and copying whole chunks from the book?"

Finally, the third respondent supported the jury's decision, "Especially after reading the abstract on that joke of a trial concerning the memo board of Suite 67....I am pleased to see a jury deal expediently with a serious matter. I realize the issues involved are not always so clear-cut and that confronted parties are rarely so cooperative, but surely Thurman should serve as a model case for future juries." This respondent also wished to express his "personal appreciation for the real Zod." Zod, however, has no public response to make at this time, although she did privately express pleasure at the respondent's sentiment.

## **More Responses to "Suite 67"**

Two more responses to "Suite 67" were received past the deadline for publication in the October 31 issue of the Minutes. The first of these respondents stated that it had been appropriate for the case to go to trial, but that the resolutions were unsatisfactory. "Men have to learn to be aware of their actions. These resolutions cover nothing at all. Only a woman knows what it is and how it feels to be threatened by rape. 'They just did not get it.' Saying I'm sorry does not cover the larger issue here." Furthermore, this respondent stated, "I do not believe Mark was sincere in his letter to the community!"

The second respondent wrote an extensive reply, the principal points of which are excerpted below:

"I realize that the women were freaked out by the goings on but this is not an excuse for refusing to confront suite 67 directly. The men of suite 67 are ass holes as far as I can tell; but I don't think that being an ass hole is necessarily a violation of the Honor Code....Note number six is most definitely a violation--and a very serious one; but I am hesitant to consider the other notes a violation. In some ways I feel the jury went after these guys with the goal of finding them guilty of something--anything. The best example that I can see of this is in the resolution that made the leaving of note #3 up as a violation [sic]. If the jury really considered this a violation then why was it dropped when Sergei admitted to writing the note....I'm not saying that this  
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went on consciously in the minds of the jury, rather that it was a product of an over-anxiousness to find a violation....Also, I think the fork incident was blown a bit out of proportion. Just look at the wording of the abstract: 'the fork incident was the closest thing to violence in the whole process...'....I just got the feeling that in this case too, the jury was 'looking' for a violation. As a last example of the over sensitivity that I think plays a role in this abstract; just look at the way 'many of the jurors were upset with the use of the term "destroyed," since they saw this as a violent image.' It's just a word."

This respondent concluded with an acknowledgment of the time and effort the jury had put into its deliberations, noting that it was a "hard job" and that his criticisms were made without detailed knowledge of the trial. He did, however, nonetheless wish to emphasize the priority of "the extremely offensive and threatening nature" of note #6 rather than what he considered to be "more trivial matters."

### **Form, Content, and Degree of Difficulty**

Shouldn't be discussed under any circumstances.

### **Community Concerns**

A community member expressed concern over the use of campus-wide mailings in the recent election for Honor Council Chair(s). **The use of campus-wide mailings for anything other than official administrative and/or student governmental purposes is a no-no.** The Chairs-Elect apologize for their previous ignorance of this policy, and pledge to refrain from such actions in the future.

### **Confidential**

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### **Adieu, Adieu, Adieu**

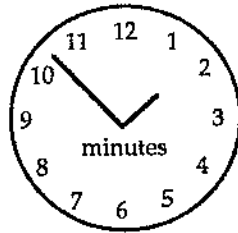
Honor Council bade farewell to its esteemed 1993 Chair, Paul Dubbeling. We thank him for his time, commitment, and sincere effort on behalf of the Honor Code and the community, and congratulate him on the ensuing re-growth of his fingernails.

### **Thanks Again, Men.**

Once again the Secretary takes the time to thank all the **helpful men of Haverford** for their assistance with posting Minutes in the femininely inaccessible masculine spaces of the Dining Center and Library. Recently some men have asked, "Why does the Secretary not simply brave the dangers of the men's rest rooms and post the Minutes herself?" Or, in less pleasant terms, "Just suck it up and go in there!" To these men and all other curious constituents, the Secretary replies that on the one occasion when she did post Minutes in the Men's Room of the Dining Center, she slipped on a wet spot and narrowly escaped landing in a full, exclusively male wall fixture. Thus, for the sake of her personal safety, and indeed, to protect the privacy of all men at Haverford, the Secretary continues to shamelessly wheedle random males into helping post the Minutes.

Thus concludes the final Minutes of 1993. Have a pleasant break.

# Honor Council



*An Honor Code Haiku*

Honor Code -- sweet words

the hush of confrontation

a smile -- I was wrong

--Lisa Gardner

**February 13, 1994**

**Present:** Gillian Bell, Elson Blunt (secretary), Jodi Burrus, Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Simran Dang, Ruth Harrington, Amy Kampf, John Lithgow (co-chair), Karen Merikangas, Geoff Neimark, Chris Ogiba, Xan Ornston (co-chair), Amy Pope, Sarah Tresemer.

**Absent:** Eric Volkman.

We opened the meeting (after giving John a gentle reminder) with a moment of silence.

Congrats to the new (and old-but-reelected) Honor Council members!

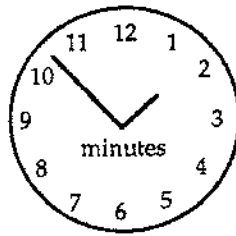
**Plenary** will be Sunday, February 27, same bat time, same bat channel.

We talked about Xan's studly resolutions. There are a few specific problems with the Code that she, in her infinite wisdom as co-chair, wants to change: 1) Honor Council elections are now inconveniently forced to be after SC elections for reasons that are now obsolete. 2) Abstracts need to be delayed sometimes for reasons of confidentiality, and no provision is made for this in the Code. 3) The Code talks about Honor Council mediations, which are obsolete due to the skill and versatility of Communication Outreach. 4) Ratification cards now ask for written justification if one votes against the Code, but no justification for voting for the Code, which seems rather unfair. 5) Joint Panels require one nonconsensing Dean to sit on the panel. The "nonconsensing" part is nonconsense. It doesn't make sense because a) it's not a word, and b) in practice, this Dean is treated exactly as a consenting Dean anyhow because action without this extra Dean's approval goes against the spirit of consensus. Says Xan: every one of these parts of the Code except number 2 are things that Honor Council has been pretty much forced to act against for as long as any of us can remember. What we have been doing should be either made standard procedure or stopped with a Plenary mandate.

All resolutions are posted on the comment board, screaming for your signatures. Go read them!

**Ratification Cards** will be due during the week after Plenary. It will be extra difficult to overcome the Lazy Ford Syndrome and ratify the Code this year, since the cards will be far, far away in the beautiful yet isolated Campus Center. Even if you weren't planning to check your mail, please pay a visit then, or we'll all be sorry. There will be a representative of Honor Council there to answer questions and receive your cards. This paragraph will be repeated in future minutes to ensure proper response.

# Honor Council



"Anybody know any cool quotes? I have to put one on top of every danged one of these minutes, and I don't know any!"

--an Ignorant Secretary

(who is being serious and really wants people to send him stuff)

**February 20, 1994**

**Here:** Gillian Bell, Elson Blunt (secretary), Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Simran Dang, Ruth Harrington, Amy Kampf, John Lithgow (co-chair), Karen Merikangas, Geoff Neimark, Chris Ogiba, Xan Ornston (co-chair), Amy Pope, Sarah Tresemer, Eric Volkman.

**Not here due to HCO committee meetings:** Jodi Burrus.

We opened with a moment of silence.

## Plenary

will be Sunday, February 27, at 1:00. Don't forget!

## Ratification Cards

will be due during the week after

**Plenary: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 2, 3, and 4 from 9am to 9pm.** It will be extra difficult to overcome the Lazy Ford Syndrome and ratify the Code this year, since the cards will be far, far away in the beautiful yet isolated Campus Center. Even if you weren't planning to check your mail, please pay a visit then, or we'll all be sorry. We anticipate this problem to be so serious, in fact, that we even appointed Ruth, Sarah, Amy, and Gillian to the **Ratification Cards Publicity and Sign Production Committee** to make sure everyone knows about it at least a hundred times over. There will be a representative of Honor Council in the campus center to answer questions and receive your cards. This paragraph will be repeated in future minutes to ensure proper response.

The long-awaited **Judicial procedures** have at long last made it to our boxes. (Insert applause here.) They are meant to clarify a whole lot of things which were unclear before. If you still don't find it very clear or if you have a concern, feel free to approach Randy, Marilou, or a Council member to talk about it.

Council again discussed discussing diversity. John, Elson, and Simran were placed in charge of receiving community input about what things Honor Council should be talking about. We'll probably figure out a way to do that while collecting Ratification Cards. So think hard. How can Council address diversity better? What issues do we, as your loyal representatives, need to spend hours discussing and formulating action to rectify? You'll soon have the chance to let us know, hooray!



Chris Ogiba and Geoff Neimark were appointed to JSAAPP.

We had a joint meeting with Students' Council, and Steve Cary and Randy Milden imparted their wisdom to our ranks. Steve Cary talked about his problems with the Nasty Word "confrontation," the history behind administrative interference in trial decisions, the importance of minority representation on trials, and a lot of other Honor Code stuff. Randy talked about "rumor control," and she asked us for our input on how to keep rumors from spreading. We had an interesting discussion, but we haven't solved the problem yet. Talk to Randy if you have any wonderful ideas. Or just tell anyone; I'm sure she'll hear about it eventually.

### **Abstracts**

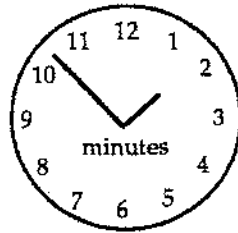
New members of Honor Council were encouraged to read some Important Old Abstracts to get a sense of precedent. Anyone, in fact, can read any Important Old Abstract they want; they are on reserve in the library, and all you have to do is ask to see them.

By the way, did you enjoy "Pamela"? And how about "Kramer and Elaine"? Good! You might be wondering where their letters to the community are. Don't worry, they're in transit and will be in front of your nose soon. Don't forget to respond to our nifty questions. You can even make up your own, or screw the questions and just write down what you think. There's a box on the floor in the Campus Center to receive your responses. And the fun's not over yet; another abstract should be coming out very, very soon.

### **Issues Which We Can't Really Tell You About Just Yet**

We heard stories of slogging, rumors of retching, and tales of treason. It'll be a bestseller abstract some day.

# Honor Council



"You spend two thirds of your life in underwear."

—written on a package of Jockey™ briefs

February 27, 1994

**In town:** Gillian Bell, Elson Blunt (secretary), Jodi Burrus, Beezie Dallas, Kathy Danek, Simran Dang, Ruth Harrington, John Lithgow (co-chair), Karen Merikangas, Geoff Neimark, Chris Ogiba, Xan Ornston (co-chair), Amy Pope, Sarah Tresemer, Eric Volkman.

**Out of town:** Amy Kampf.

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## Ratification Cards

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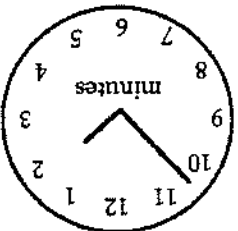
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"We may not give you doughnuts, but we'll give you something to talk about!"  
An anonymous Honor Council member

**March 20, 1994**

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**Has a social life:** Eric Volkman.

Quick moment of silence.

**The Honor Code has been ratified!** Hooray! It needed 700 votes to pass; there were 697 votes for the Code, 88 votes with objections, and 34 votes against the Code. Responses are being compiled and will be on reserve in the 'brary soon.

Jodi reported on HCO committee, Chris reported on JSAAP. Everything's a-ok.

We received 20 responses to the diversity feedback thing, an astonishing 1.7% of the student body! See, we told you diversity was a hot issue. It's not too late to respond if you'd like to verbalize your own personal Honor Council Improvement Project.

A professor expressed a concern that when students are called up to serve on juries, they think they are compelled under the Honor Code to do it even if there are practical reasons that it's inconvenient for them. To avoid such an interpretation of a potential ambiguity, I hereby remind everyone that you are never, ever, ever compelled to serve on a jury, no matter how lame your excuse. Sure, we'd like you to do it, otherwise we wouldn't call, but you can always say no.

Some students have professed general confusion about collaboration rules for homeworks of the problem set variety. People were concerned that there are no consistent rules for the whole college about who can work with whom on what problems and to what extent, and each professor's individual expectations are often not clearly expressed/apprehended. We talked about ways of improving the situation. We wondered if there was some kind of dialogue which could be had to clear things up in general, but decided we would wait to get some input from Provost Bruce Partridge before doing anything big. But for now, remember to make sure you reference anyone and anything which helped you to complete your problem set, and if there's any doubt, make it clear how and how much they helped you. Then at least the professor knows what's going on.

A conscientious member of the community has brought it to Honor Council's attention that a part of the recent clarification of the judicial policy which may not align with the Code. When a social case comes forward, "...there will be a meeting of the Chair of Honor Council, an EEOC officer, and the Dean of the College, who will determine the appropriate judicial avenue....The Honor Council Chair will inform Honor Council of these determinations and insure that the views of Honor Council are represented in the decision-making process."<sup>1</sup> The Honor Code does not mention any administrators; it just indicates that the decision will ultimately be up to Honor Council. We talked about it some, but right now we're stumped. If we decide that it is indeed contradictory to the Code, a Plenary resolution might be in order.

## Abstracts

No abstracts at this time. At this point the Little Abstract Elves would like to remind everyone of that longtime favorite quote, "Patience is a virtue."

<sup>1</sup> From the Judicial Procedures, as distributed to the College on February 10, 1994.