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Letters To The Editor

Defeat Of Code Amendment Would Be Great Tragedy

Time Has Come

The time has finally come, students, when we are to make the choice of either having an honor code that has a backbone or not having one at all.

The final amendment to the honor code passed recently at a called meeting of the Student Legislature makes the honor code read as an honor code should read.

"Under the honor code you are on your honor not to cheat, lie, or steal; and if you see another student doing so, you are on your honor to report the individual and the circumstances to the appropriate student agency."

The new code gives the student a right and responsibility he never had under the original honor code that was passed last year or under the first amendment passed earlier this year.

It gives him the right of owning his own personal honor, a right as inalienable as those mentioned in the Constitution of the United States of America. It even gives him the right to be what many people would consider dishonorable; but it is his duty, whatever his honor may be.

Honor means different things to different people. This is because honor is not the functioning part in an honor system. The functioning part is the standard by which honor is related to the system. And standards, of course, differ from individual to individual. The standard is what is being legislated in this honor code. The standard tells what he is to do. It just gives him the rules.

But honor is left to the individual. He, and only he, decides his honor. The code merely points out the standard.

We believe this is the honor code which should be our's. The Journal urges you to vote yes on this very vital issue.

Letters

We noted with pleasure the response the last issue of The Journal brought from students through the letters to the editor column.

No less than five stories from the last issue are discussed in today's letter to the editor column. We are not only pleased with the response but quite proud that we finally said something worth reader discussion in that column.

Thank you for your interest, readers. Keep up the good work.

Ticket To Park

How does it feel to get parking tickets, people? Really? We didn't really expect it to feel good.

How does it feel to be responsible for someone else's parking ticket. Oh?

A few weeks ago, Dean Mackay posted several "parkers" on the campus to help people park correctly. A place was found for everyone. A legal place.

This shows that if everyone would respect the rights of others and park relatively close to the next car, everyone would have a legal place to park, and nobody would get tickets.

Besides, it'll be good practice for when the lined pavement gets here.

Code Worth Support

We noted with some misgivings the recent changes in the honor code. Not that it didn't need changing; it did. But the way in which the changing was handled bothered us. At first, that is.

We didn't care for the way the Legislature amended the code, and then at a special called session, amended the amendment.

But then we looked at another rather important legislative body, the United States Congress. Look how much that group argues over changes, amends, passes, and then repeats the whole process on nearly every bill that comes up.

We decided (and we think the students who are voting today will, too) that though it took a long time and went down a lot of blind alleys, the Student Legislature has finally come up with an honor code really worth supporting.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week we will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Honor Code of UNC-C. A great deal of feeling appears to exist on campus that the defeat of this amendment would strike a fatal blow to the Honor Code itself. Such an occurrence would indeed be a tragedy for this school, the newest campus of one of the nation's most-esteemed universities.

Putting aside all the reasons which call for the retention of an honor system on the grounds that cheating on the part of another student affects each of us individually — and it definitely does — let's think for a moment about the purpose of education. The general function of education may perhaps be stated as the preparation of the individual to assume a useful place in society. Thus education is concerned with the moral as well as the intellectual development of the student. It is obvious that cheating, or the condoning of cheating, can only impair moral development.

One of the main objections to an effective Honor Code seems to be a reluctance to turn in a fellow student who has been observed cheating. This is the natural result of repeated admonitions to the effect that it is something less than honorable to "tattle." The fact which we overlook, however, is that it is a privilege to be trusted, but that it is a privilege which carries with it the responsibility of maintaining a climate in which trust can exist.

The student who becomes an accomplice, even by the negative action of overlooking a violation, may mistakenly think that he is doing the guilty person a favor. This is not true. In the first place, an honor system does not imply that the person who breaks it is basically dishonest. Many times we may get so involved that cheating seems the only way out of our predicament. We fail to recognize that we are setting a pattern of "sliding-by" which will affect all of our future life. True,

the person who cheats does hurt others, but he hurts himself more.

Not one person among us wants to believe that he is not trusted by his friends, his fellow students, and the faculty. An atmosphere of suspicion is an unpleasant one in which to live; however, for one person to be trusted, all must be worthy of trust. It is, therefore, very important that the amendment to our Honor Code be passed in order that a community of honor may be built at UNC-C.

SUE CULP GARRETT

Tew Apathetic About Issue

This letter is in reply to a "letter to the editor" submitted by Madeline Tew. Madeleine contends that Student Government is a "farce" because the Freshmen were asked to participate in the governing of the student body and then the Student Government turned around and drew up an amendment to the Honor Code without the services of Freshman Class officers.

Madeleine, let me ask you. Should the Student Government stand idle until the Freshman Class of every year is able to elect class officers? The answer to this is a very definite, "NO!!" "But," you might say, "why not elect class officers and representatives at the very first of the year so the freshmen will have a voice in our government!" The answer to this is obvious. The freshmen need time to meet their classmates so they will know who is best qualified to represent them.

Since you are so interested in Student Government affairs and freshmen rights, what I am about to relate will be "old hat" to you, but let me say it for the benefit of all the other students who are so much more ignorant of Student Government procedures than yourself. Each student of UNC-C is more than welcome

to come to any Student Legislature meeting and voice their opinions on any matter. If you

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DEAR BOSS

Dear Reader,

In view of the tone of his previous columns, VW has asked me to explain that the following article was written as an honest and sincere appeal to God, expressed in a manner entirely in keeping with VW's religious feelings and attitudes. In no way does VW intend to express a tone of satire in this article, and the reader would not be justified in making that interpretation.

Sincerely yours,
Martin D. Richek

dear god

i offer this plea in a state of exasperated desperation and in the realization that dear boss does not seem to have been enough

you see dear god i live in and love this school much in the same way that i live in and love this country and while i do not expect perfection from blessed humanity i do tend to ask of my colleagues and leaders that they make a reasonable attempt to find what is good and to follow it

for while the mountain of perfection cannot be topped there is all life in the climb

i still have faith that in my country my leaders are still climbing and all the slips and all the slides do not seem to stop the effort for good

but in my school dear god the blindness of petty whim has obscured the path and we are stumbling

our student leaders are simply failing to lead

i would call their actions childish were it not that a child evidences much more wisdom and truth

the principles of democracy for which so many gave and are giving their lives have been effectively destroyed by a governing body too careless or cruel or both to bear the responsibility of their offices with wisdom and maturity

i know you are busy dear god and you may have missed the last meeting at least there did not seem to be any evidence of your presence so check the minutes and ask the advisor and then please dear god do something because nobody else seems capable

amen
vw the beetle

'I Cry From Lack Of Fine Arts Interest'

By HUGH J. HORSLEY

In the eyes of the world, the face of an institution of higher learning, especially a university, must be complex. Not only should it instill in its students knowledge of the practical and applicable but also the esthetic. Education cannot be devoid of the arts, and only by instilling an appreciation for the fine arts in its students can the university accomplish this goal. All of this is best done by encouraging the students to take an active part in the promoting of the arts.

The Charlotte campus of the University of North Carolina is, at this time, completely devoid of a working fine arts organization. However, the university has done its part. There is on the Charlotte campus a format for a working Fine Arts Committee; we have a constitution and, on paper, an organization which can work.

We only have one thing missing — student participation.

Some times at night, when I climb into bed, I have a tendency to cry about such

things. The only reason that we don't have a working fine arts council is that either we students don't know or we don't care. Either case is deplorable. Perhaps the best use for this column is to inform those of you who are interested that such a club does exist.

Dr. Slechta of the language department is an accomplished musician who performs on the viola with the local symphony and who has voiced great interest in the formation of a string quartet. Certain professors in the history department have also expressed desires to see the formation of performing groups here. We on the Charlotte campus have an active chorus, and I am sure that we would welcome any newcomers.

There fore, there are numerous places where a person may express his or her talent and these are not the only ones possible. A decorative arts society might provide a chance of expression. If we cannot find a means of artistically expressing ourselves, we can form one.