

He Didn't Know He Was Guilty

The Honor System - Of, For, By The Students

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John was a freshman from a small town in eastern North Carolina. He was doing about average work academically—pretty fair actually for his first year at the University. He was just a regular student—just like you or me.

Everything seemed to be going along fine until one day John was accused by a fellow student of cheating on a quiz. The student told John after class that he had seen him look on the paper in front of him several times.

John couldn't believe it! Here he was—accused of cheating. All he could remember was the two or three times he had glanced on the other paper to check several of his answers that he wasn't sure of. He didn't really mean to do anything wrong.

Now what was to happen? The above is an introduction to a case of a student who was accused of violating the Honor Code. In the remainder of this article let's trace the story of John's case.

The accusing student informed John of the twenty-four hour period in which he had to turn himself in voluntarily. After that time, if John hadn't turned himself in to either the Dean of Men, the Attorney General's Staff or a member of the appropriate Council, then the accuser would have to do so.

After the accusation, the Attorney General is responsible for investigating the case and bringing the student to trial.

What happens to John is determined by the procedures governing the handling of violations of the Honor System.

At a preliminary conference with the accused which must be at least 72 hours before the trial, a member of the Attorney General's Staff will counsel with the student, who may have already been given a summons earlier in person, in private and in writing.

This summons explains the specific charge, the time and place of the preliminary conference, and the time and place of the trial. During the preliminary conference, the accused is informed of the composition of the council hearing his case, specific charge, possible penalties, his rights to have a defense counsel, to summon material witnesses, and to have five character witnesses to speak on his behalf.

defendant may or may not answer. The Attorney General tries to assign a defense counsel to the accused so that this agent may talk to the defendant before anyone else does.

The accused may select a defense counsel from someone among the student body, who is under jurisdiction of the particular council.

As soon as all the investigation is complete, the appropriate council (in this case, the Men's Council) will hold a trial somewhere on campus. These trials are conducted in complete secrecy unless the defendant requests otherwise. A minimum of seven members, including a chairman hear the case.

The physical appearance in the council room is informal so as to put the defendant at ease, but a formal atmosphere is conveyed throughout the trial.

Many persons think the council members wear long black robes and long drawn faces, but this is not the case. The defendant, investigator, defense, and all witnesses sit facing the council. A clerk is also present in order to record all testimony.

When the trial begins, the chairman reminds the defendant that he is on his honor to testify only to the truth and not to withhold information. An opening prayer follows, after which the defendant has his charge read to him.

He then pleads either guilty, not guilty, or indefinite (not sure if guilty of the specific charge, etc.) He may also move for postponement of the hearing or termination of the hearing.

Postponement may be granted because of procedural errors before the trial—an improperly executed summons, an unclear and vague charge, etc. Termination may be granted if the council has no jurisdiction over the case, or if the accused has already been tried for the same offense.

After this, the student is informed of the order of procedure, and leaves the council room. Character witnesses are brought in to testify for the

student's character and reputation in order for the council to better understand something about the student. The defendant then returns to the council room and the trial is continued with the investigator's statements. The material witnesses are called in one by one to relate their part in the case. They may be cross-examined by the council, the defendant and his defense, and the investigator.

The defendant is then requested to explain again in his own words just exactly what happened. The council then further questions the defendant in order to fully understand the case. After this there is a summation for the defense and the defendant is asked if any of his constitutional rights have been violated.

When all testimony has been heard, the council room is cleared so that the council may deliberate. Full discussion of the case takes place and a secret written vote is taken to arrive at a verdict. A two-thirds vote is required to find a student guilty.

He may also be found not guilty, or guilty of a portion of the charge. If guilt is established, the council deliberates upon an appropriate sentence, which should be both punitive and corrective for the student. Sentences are imposed by a simple majority, except suspension, which requires a two-thirds vote.

The student returns to the room and is given the verdict and if guilty, the sentence of the council is announced to him. If sentenced, the defendant is responsible for upholding his period of punishment. If the student feels that he has been given an unfair trial or has other reasons to question the verdict, he may appeal his case to the Faculty-Review Board within 72 hours. Otherwise the decision of the council is final.

And now, let's get back to John. He decided to get a good friend who was a junior to be his defense counsel. His problem now was to decide how to plead to the charge. He

THE HONOR CODE
"You are on your honor not to cheat, steal, or lie: and if you see another student doing so, you are on your honor to report him to the appropriate student council."

THE CAMPUS CODE
"You are bound by your responsibility as a gentleman to conduct yourself as such at all times, and further to see to it, insofar as possible, that your fellow students do likewise."

could readily admit his guilt, but then he wasn't really sure that he had cheated. John was finally advised to plead indefinite.

During the trial John had some excellent character witnesses to speak for him. There were also several material witnesses who admitted having seen John look at the paper. The two papers in question did have several answers which were identically wrong on both papers.

John had now begun to realize how wrong his actions were. He had looked at the other paper because he was unsure of his own answers. In high school he had the same thing, but if caught, the teacher usually didn't do anything. But now he was here in college. Things were different. He had an added responsibility to himself, to his fellow students, and to the University. John had let himself down by re-

the Honor System — that he would not lie, cheat, or steal, and would report others he saw doing likewise.

If a student doesn't learn the basic principles of honesty, integrity, and how to conduct himself as a gentleman before he leaves the University, then he most probably never will.

John, this boy who is just like you or me, was suspended indefinitely by the Men's Honor Council. An indefinite suspension usually lasts for at least one academic semester. However, there is a chance that a student can be readmitted to the University before that time.

The council recommended that John be shown leniency when he applied for readmission because of his co-operative attitude and complete honesty throughout the trial. On an indefinite penalty, the defendant must appear again before the council to show that he is ready to be taken off his sentence.

This boy is perhaps today again a student at the University. He now realizes his mistake, but is working hard

not to let it happen again. He is a much stronger person in his belief in the Honor System, which is primarily here for the individual student.

If the individual shirks his responsibility, the system is weakened, if only just a little. It is the responsibility of

each student to know and understand the codes of conduct here at Carolina.

If you have neglected your duty in learning about the Honor System, I would suggest that you go back and learn all that you can. Don't let what happened to John happen to you.

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