

Honor system gives University a good name

By SARAH CAGLE

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What 100-year-old University institution is every student automatically a part of?

The honor system.

The student attorney general staff hopes students will remember their responsibility to maintain the honor system.

"The system doesn't work without students," said Virginia Mewbourne, student attorney general.

This is true on both sides. Success of the honor system is dependent on individual student respect and integrity. The honor system also depends on the students who enforce it.

Students on the attorney general staff and the Undergraduate Honor Court are primarily responsible for enforcing the system.

Violations of the honor code and the campus code are reported to the student attorney general in Suite C of the Carolina Union, or to Jeffrey

Cannon, assistant dean of students and judicial programs officer, in Steele Building.

Mewbourne determines if there is sufficient information to require a hearing. The honor court hears cases, judges whether the student accused is guilty and recommends punishments which the chancellor must approve.

The honor code, a division of the honor system, governs student behavior in the classroom. It defines

academic cheating and its punishments.

"Without the honor system, a degree from this University would have no value," said Philip Floyd, associate attorney general.

The honor code requires students to sign a pledge that no unauthorized aid has been given or received on each assignment. "Blue books" and computer answer sheets purchased at the Student Stores have a line specifically designated for this signature.

Some students don't realize that the campus code is also part of the honor system, governing student behavior outside the classroom, he said. Campus code offenses include drug possession and sales, fraudulent use of a UNC student identification card, assault and vandalism.

This year the campus code was amended to name sexual assault and sexual and racial harassment as specific offenses as well.

Floyd said these amendments will make students more aware that assault and harassment occur on campus. This awareness will also encourage students to report assault and

harassment to the student judicial branch, he said.

All honor court hearings are confidential, so victims of sexual assault should find it a particularly appealing option, he said.

Floyd said the attorney general's staff has planned several educational presentations on the honor system for freshmen as well as upperclassmen this fall to ensure that everyone is aware of the honor system. Floyd also plans to educate students about the three amendments to the campus code which are effective this year.

Ignorance of the honor system is a big problem, Floyd said. The recreation of the associate attorney general position this year was intended to reduce that ignorance.

"Some people will hear these presentations five or six times," Floyd said. "There shouldn't be any problem in the future with people saying 'I didn't know that was a violation.'"

If students want to become more directly involved with the honor system, applications for the attorney general staff and the Undergraduate Court will be available in the spring.

UNC facilities offer space for students to get a free workout

By GRAY KELLY

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Enjoy athletics? Afraid of the "freshman 15"? Want some exercise? UNC provides you with the facilities to satisfy all of these areas:

Basketball — Eight full courts worth in Woollen Gym and several more in Fetzer. Competition is easy to find and teams often need one or two extra players.

Tennis — Eleven courts located behind Joyner Residence Hall with a backboard practice area. More courts located beside Hinton James Residence Hall. Both are lighted until 11 p.m.

Weights — Universal, Nautilus and free weights on the lower level of Woollen Gym. Weight keys are available at basket rooms near the facility.

Raquetball and squash — There are three raquetball courts on the lower level of Woollen and seven more in Fetzer. All six squash courts are located in Fetzer.

Swimming — Thirty-five laps equal one mile. Downstairs in Woollen. All must visit here at least once to pass the dreaded Carolina swimming exam.

Field sports — Fields adjacent to the Woollen/Fetzer complex should be open this fall to provide ample space for football, soccer or lacrosse. Nearby Eringhaus field is well-suited for baseball or softball.

Volleyball — Fetzer has several well-marked courts. The nets and balls are provided from the basket room on the lower level.

Aerobics — No schedule has been provided, but there will be sessions several times each week. Contact the IM/REC office for more details.

Equipment for any of the sports mentioned is available to all students from the equipment/basket rooms in both Woollen and Fetzer. Your student ID and current registration card are all you need to check it out.

The facility hours vary: M-Th/7:30

a.m.-10 p.m., Fri/ 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat/ 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Sun/ 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Physical education classes do take precedence over free play, so the facilities are sometimes tied up during the day. The best times to find free space are usually early morning or late afternoon.

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