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Registration and the Honor Code Creates Controversy

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Controversy has struck the St. Andrews campus after 46 students were charged with an Honor Code violation. The students were apprehended when it was discovered that a large number of registration cards had been altered.

According to Dean of the Registrar Jim Stephens, this was the first year he discovered the random numbered cards to be altered. "Normally, I don't go through the cards but, it was pointed out to me by two people." As was the case, cards were obviously changed, to the point that there were even new stickers placed on top of the original.

Dean Stephens requested that the guilty students be required to re-register Feb. 4. However, he felt it was imperative that further action was needed. He alerted Attorney General Jeremy Tanner. Tanner agreed that this was a very serious offense and went to Dean of Students Cynthia Greer. The two decided to bring the

incident to the Honor Court.

After much deliberation, the court decided that the offense was indeed an Honor Code violation. Those charged were brought before the court on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Of the 46 students charged, 31 students were athletes and two were elected officials, including the Vice President Abraham VanWingerden. A further breakdown of the offenders, revealed that nine were seniors, six were juniors, 27 sophomores, and four freshman.

As it is stated in the *Saltire*, a student found guilty of an Honor Code offense receives a penalty of 12 months social probation which prohibits a student to be involved in any major extracurricular activities. However, due to extenuating circumstances, the court decided to modify the sentence to accommodate the needs of the community. The sentence read:

1) Social probation as expressed in the *Saltire* with exceptions to be made by the Dean of Students for extracurricular

activities.

2) A letter must be submitted to the court which accepts guilt regarding this offense and express personal intent to comply with the letter and spirit of the Honor Code. It may also be included observations and recommendations regarding the pre-registration process.

3) And 14 hours of community service to be designated for two days during the Spring Term.

Chairperson of the court Shawn Coffman felt the need for a modified probation was necessary, "It was for the interest of the community that it be modified," he added. "If not, we would be destroying the continuity of the campus." Attorney General Tanner agreed, admitting, "It made the court think a lot longer since there was so many athletes and an important elected position." He continued, "Because of the number of people, we realized it was more of a community problem. We wanted to modify it, rather than just start punishing severely."



Students sit outside of Belk, protesting the Hearing Court procedures held Saturday, Dec. 1, in regard to the breaking of the Honor Code when students altered registration cards. (Photo by Jennifer Woodward)

However, following the recommendation of the court, Dean Greer also added her own sanction in the form of an ethics class. Honor Code offenders are required to attend the week long course that will be offered in the winter and spring terms. "I don't want the course to be punitive as much as educational," explains Greer. "The whole thing is an ethical manner. We need a class to address the ethics dilemma. The community needs to take responsibility. It will all be taught on a volunteer basis. We want to come up with a good class so people can get something out of it." Despite the directness of the sentence, controversy has developed

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Teachers Given an 'A' for Excellence

The annual American Education Week dinner and celebration was held by the St. Andrews Student NCAE Wednesday, November 14.

The event honors the student teacher, their cooperating teachers, and administrative representatives from the various schools. More than 130 gathered for this year's event which featured Janda Canalis, fourth grade teacher at North Laurinburg School, as the speaker. Mrs. Canalis was chosen Scotland County Teacher of the Year. Of particular note and interest, she is a 1988 graduate of the St. Andrews Teacher Education program.

The evening began as Elizabeth Parker, the student NCAE president, called the group to order. The invocation and blessing was offered by Cayce Wolfe, the Freshman/Sophomore representative. Following a buffet meal, the welcome and greeting were extended by Nikki Nolette, Junior representative. Melody Harrington, secretary, introduced the special guests for the evening. The 1990 student teachers were introduced by Denise Caison, the chapter's vice president. Following the introduction of cooperating teachers and administrators, the guest speaker, Janda Canalis, was introduced by Laura Richey, the Senior representative.

Canalis shared some of the thoughts that she has had since being named Scotland County Teacher of the Year,

and she pointed out that she believes that every child can learn - at least something. Also, she tries to get every child excited about learning. One of the ways she does this is through some very different and unusual ways. Acknowledged as a very creative teacher in her own classroom, she demonstrated a number of ways to get knowledge and information across to students. In the course of the remarks, the dinner guests experienced a set of learning situations in the subjects of music, science, social studies, and language. Two items, a piece of bubble gum and a chocolate covered peanut, provided an enjoyable learning opportunity.

Following her remarks, Carrie Melton, student NCAE treasurer, introduced the winner of the 1990 American Education Week Award. Dr. George E. Melton, professor of history, was this year's St. Andrews recipient. Professor Melton has been at St. Andrews since 1968. During the past 22 years, he has been actively involved in teacher education and has served as Chair of the Teacher Education Committee a number of years. He has also been a viable social studies teacher in public education. His most important contribution to the North Carolina Public Schools was the Joint Committee's Report on the Status of History in the Schools of North Carolina. This report recommended special reforms to upgrade the history curriculum and history instructions of the public schools of the state. Dr. Melton is presently in the process of writing a biography of Admi-



Carrie Melton presents Dr. George Melton with the 1990 American Education Week Award as this year's St. Andrews recipient. (Photo provided)

ral Jean Francois Darlan, a French statesman of World War II.

A special American Education Week Award was presented to a member of the greater Laurinburg/Scotland County community. This year's winner was Jeffrey W. DuRant, an outstanding volunteer in the Scotland County School System. Tina Cheek, a 1990 fall term student who has been working with DuRant, read the citation before presenting him with an engraved plaque.

Special recognition was given to Canalis as Scotland County Teacher of the Year by the St. Andrews Chapter of the Student NCAE. Dr. Judith McPherson, chair of the Teacher Education Department, concluded the evening with recognition of Dr. O. Eugene Smith, advisor to the Student NCAE Chapter, and to Roxie Foland, the administrative assistant for the St. Andrews Teacher Education Department.

St. Andrews Honor Code

"As a member of the honor community of St. Andrews, I pledge that I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I tolerate this conduct in any other member of the community. I will do all within my power to uphold the high standard of integrity and honor of St. Andrews."

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