

LETTERS FROM STUDENTS (cont'd.)

Dear Editor:

Beauty is truth, truth beauty;
that is all ye know on earth,
that is all ye need to know...

--Pamela--

Much discourse has been heard about the practical and ideological values of the Honor System. Its practical efficiency can be compared to the concept of anarchy in political systems! Its ideology is analogous to Fourier's caprice of a Utopian society.

But this hypothetical hog-wash which is pursued with futile vigor by our most erudite collegiate scholars is not the real point in question. The primary problem is one of definition. If we were to scrutinize our present Honor system and then attempt to define it, I think that we could conclude without fear of contradiction that ours is not an honor system in the theoretical sense, but rather a modified monitor system. The mere fact that students are required to sign the pledge precludes that they have no honor, lest they wouldn't be forced to verify it upon their each opportunity to violate it.

Our Honor System states that we're on our honor...until we're caught, at which time proper and judicious punishment shall be imposed. This fact clearly establishes that the principal motive that prevents us from violating the code is not honor, but fear, fear of being caught. A precisely theoretical usage of the system would offer virtue as its own reward and the lack of it as its own punishment.

Goethe said that character is nurtured among the tempest of the world, and that's enough said.

Stephan H. Snider

Dear Editor:

THE CAM US CRIER is without a doubt one of the best things that has happened on the Elon Campus in the past two years at least. It finally gives the students of Elon a chance to ask questions, air their complaints, and present their ideas.

The students of Elon have been deprived of their freedom of the press before now, but finally some broadminded and foresighted persons have seen to it that this freedom is made available.

The other publication on campus does not offer this freedom. Students' letters are not allowed to be printed without the advisor's approval. Even the columnists are not allowed to write some of their opinions, and when something is taken out, nothing is said about it. It sounds like something that goes on only in Communist countries, but just ask around and find out for yourself.

I sincerely hope that THE CAM US CRIER will be a regular attraction of the campus. It is a big step forward in regaining some of the students' constitutionally granted freedoms.

Sincerely,

An Advocate of the Free Press

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Dear Editor:

A deplorable condition persists on campus. I am making reference to the apparent lack of integrity on the part of some students. Little, if any, effort is needed in observing the disregard for property--be it public or private--and the disregard for the rights and privileges of members of the campus community.

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