

Honor System In Review . . .

Below is the year's one editorial on the Honor System. You wrote it yourself when you took the handbook test this week.

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"The honor system is the combination of prudence and ideals. For prudence is the basis of the practical laws set up to govern the student body by the student body itself. Thus the student's honor in judicial matters is the basis of a democratic government on campus.

As for ideals, a student's honor cannot solely be prescribed to set of laws. Thus, the student must use his integrity and discretion in connection with the required campus legislature. A law may be skirted unless there is the ideal of honor and allegiance to that law."

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"The Honor System is that intangible spirit and code by which Salem maintains her high standards of integrity and unity. It builds not only personal integrity in each student but also a sense of responsibility to our college and classmates that serves to bring the unit closer together for the benefit of each."

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"The Honor System plays an important part in our first steps toward an adult life. In order to be admired and respected by other people, you must earn your own self-respect. If all of us place our honor in the proper respect, we have in common something which will provide a harmony and understanding among us."

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"A test of a person's individual feeling of responsibility and integrity in which only the person himself knows whether he passed or failed."

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"The Honor System is a way of life—not merely something to be used in college to make a few rules work. Throughout life one must be on an honor system of his own . . ."

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"The Honor System as I see it gives a person the chance to do right and not be made to do so. I feel that if a person is given such a chance and made to feel that others have confidence in his good character and high ideals, he will choose more wisely.

He will either do right because he feels others believe in him and he is ashamed to do otherwise, or he will do so for the simple reason that it's right. By the example of good students, popular students, others will also want to follow the right path.

I feel the Honor System and Student Government should strive to make the right thing popular."

Those are the theories of a few students. Our aim should be to make these statements practicable.

By expressing tactful disapproval of both misconduct and errant attitudes. By exercising the "social pressure" that is so powerful in other areas of our world.

By striving "to make the right thing popular."

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Beyond the Square

Carol Campbell

The American people are known for their ambitious competitive nature and their unashamed reverence for the almighty dollar. But have you ever thought about the value of such things as the theatre, literature and music — in other words, the Arts? Let's look at the comments made by Brooks Atkinson on this subject in a recent article that appeared in the New York Times.

The difference between art and science is that art looks at man in relation to the universe from within whereas science views man from the outside. On the surface it would seem that this scientific way of thinking we have built a society that is thoroughly equipped and efficient—look at the rise in our standard of living, for instance. Thanks to the 'productive and useful' scientists and engineers of our country, we've never had it so good.

But look a little closer. Are we really as well off as we think we are? Every day our life is marred by juvenile delinquency, riots against Negro school children in the South and the divorce rate.

Penal and mental institutions cannot be built fast enough. Atkinson says that this is due to a lack of something very basic — human understanding.

The writer concludes that especially in a democracy, where we decide together, we must understand each other from the inside as well as the outside. Thus the artist shares with science the duty of creating a complete culture.

People—Headed for a six week tour of Europe, Wladziu Valentino Liberace left the country accompanied by 34 pieces of luggage including 60 complete changes of costume plus a custom-made \$15,000 glass topped piano. Travel light, I always say.

The newest prodigy at Harvard is 12-year-old Fred Safier, Jr. of Berkeley, Calif. The youngest scholar to enroll at Harvard was William Sidis who entered in 1909 at 11 and lectured on fourth dimensional theories. I think it is rather sad to note that he died at the age of 46, a lonely, obscure adding-machine operator earning \$22.00 a week.

The Nation. Dr. Deborah Coggins was fired last week for lunching with a Negro nurse by county commissioners in Monticello, Florida. Said the attractive physician, "Health knows no color boundaries—not even in the South."

Alarmed at the Democrats attacks and lagging Republican campaigns in Senate and House elections, the Republican campaign for the Presidency has decided to take off the gloves and turn on the heat. Speaking in Cleveland and Lexington, Ky. Ike accused the Democrats of failure to act on federal school aid, help for local unemployment areas, expansion of minimum wage coverage, occupational therapy assistance and further help for small business.

Stevenson, meanwhile, has clarified his previous stand as to ending the draft and is now taking the position that he didn't mean that he would end conscription immediately but that in the not far distant future it could be abolished.

The farm issue: Since 1951 farm prices have dropped about 25% and costs have risen. Eisenhower's explanation is that this is due to huge surpluses caused by overproduction. This overproduction is the result of high price supports that were necessary during war time but are now passe.

The Democrats, on the other hand, say that with better farming methods surpluses are inevitable and farmers should have and retain high supports to protect them against severe price drops. But regardless, resentment is high against Ike in the Farm Belt.

It is the general feeling that the Republicans have been too sure of themselves and, with Stevenson's popularity on the rise, it is no time to get in and fight.

Entertainment—On October Giant, starring James Dean open at the Roxy Theatre in New York. I'm anxious to see effect this will have on the fan hysteria devoted to the actor's memory. Studio report that they have received fan mail addressed to more than any living actor in including Valentino at

Delightful and magnificent Royal Danish Ballet, in New York. On Oct. 10, tours of the outside group will visit ten of the United States

Around The Square

By Martha Ann Kennedy

The atmosphere in the square Friday and Saturday nights was definitely social, social, SOCIAL. Salemites poured into buses or into cars with their dates to go to the "Welcome Wake Forest Festival" and enjoy the music of Richard Maltby's (Deb Ball) Orchestra . . . or perhaps find a "kindred spirit" to while away the weekend hours here in Winston. Some met with success concerning the latter, and some came back with stories like one Junior.

She was dancing with some well-intentioned lad who said:

"Snf, snf, my, that is lovely perfume you're wearing. May I ask what it's called?"

"It's Tigress," she obligingly answered.

He may never have been exposed to Faberge advertisements or the like, but he rallied with the comment, "Oh, you little tiger, you."

Saturday night was something of a record-breaker here in our 185th year. Upperclassmen trying to recruit blind dates in Clewell at the end of the week were utterly defeated—there were none to be had! Observers of the resulting 12 p.m. stampede reported that the old square became a swarming mass of cars and daters. Last-minuters had to make their way through the crowd as best they could, leaving boys behind on Church Street.

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The Right Honorable Herbert Morrison's lecture produced a good turnout of both students and townspeople Monday night in Memorial Hall. But, frankly, the auditorium was so warm and acoustics so bad in my balcony seat, I found it a little hard to follow his talk.

I expected something a little more fervent and radical from a Laborite, I guess. But, Memorial Hall isn't exactly the House of Commons. His sly British humor delighted those who were able to talk to him at dinner or at the coffee in Strong, and, as in the case of many lecturers, he is more entertaining in small, informal groups.

From the President

Judy Graham



Have YOU wondered what went on behind that mysteriously closed Student Government door every Monday afternoon? Have you wondered what was discussed in that smoke-filled room (which by the way is smoke filled no longer thanks to a ventilating fan in our new quarters)?

Well, wonder no longer—this is the first of weekly reports from your Student Council. I have always felt that something of this sort was needed on campus — a direct and official report of the Council's meetings and doings. After all, we are your elected representatives. You have a right to be (and should demand to be) informed of its workings.

First of all, I want personally to thank the entire student body for your response and eager participation in our first joint business meeting last Tuesday. It was an excellent example of "student" government in which problems were not only aired but solutions to the problems were suggested.

But one thing bothered me about the meeting. It was very evident that there is a feeling on campus that there is one panacea for rules which seem to us unpleasant—our parents' permission to skirt the rule. "Why can't we drive in Winston if we have permission from home?" you asked. "Why can't we go home after a dance if we have our parents' permission?"

Do you think that if you have your parents' permission that it would be possible or even right to smoke in your room or to cheat on an exam if it meant that you would pass?

Actually, we as a student body were forgetting our first lesson in campus, communal living: Rules are made for the benefit of the entire group, and each individual must abide by them. We must remember that the college has a duty to us and a responsibility for us

all, and not expect our parents to always intercede and ask that a rule be changed just to suit their little "Sally Salem."

But you did make good suggestions about revising other rules. Your council appreciates these suggestions discussed in Assembly along with others noted on the handbook tests, and we plan to discuss them in our regularly scheduled meeting on Monday. Look for a report in next week's Salemite.

On the whole, the handbook test results were quite good—in spite of the fact that there were many more freshmen in the top bracket than upperclassmen. The rule missed most consistently was in connection with starting restriction.

Restriction begins at 9:00 the morning after the offence—not the morning after you are notified. You know when you've received five call downs or have broken a rule serious enough to merit restriction long before the Student Council does; therefore, restriction should begin immediately.

Then, too, there was a misunderstanding in connection with events such as Civic Music concerts, Little Theatre plays, and church meetings which do not count as evening events this year so that regardless of whether you go to one of these events on a bus provided by the school, in a taxi with a group of girls or with a date, you still are not charged with taking an evening engagement.

One final note — thanks to the freshmen for your grand response in the matter of signing the Honor Book.

Also if any of you know of anything that you would like to see discussed in this column—anything in connection with Student Government which you feel should be brought to the attention of the students—please tell me, for I welcome your interest, views and suggestions.