

Is the Honor System Going into Bankruptcy

Current talk and present conditions on the campus make the inquiry pertinent. What's the matter with the Honor System? Is it going into bankruptcy? Talk goes on of several of the most open violations of it recently that have occurred in several years, and yet the guilty ones are shielded and defended by other University students, and either go undisciplined or stand a chance of doing so. Instances might be given. The Tar Heel of February 5th had this to say editorially, "There are some things being done on the campus that are wrong." And commenting further on the same point, this is said, "A case in point occurs to us now. A certain student during the recent examinations was heard to remark to several fellow students that he saw So-and-so cheating on examinations and wished somebody would report it." Talk of this sort is so common that it does not need repetition here. Everybody hears it.

Inquiry of the University Council elicits the information that, on account of the refusal of witnesses called before it to testify, its hands are often tied. It hears these rumors, and, as the body constituted for that purpose, tries to get at the trouble, but finds such opposition that it can't perform its duty. And, in view of these conditions, it fears that the system is in danger of going into bankruptcy. The Council has done its best, but those for whom it acts have refused to support it in its work. This being true, is it not a fact that the system is in grave danger?

The Council is, of course, nothing but a creation of the student body, chosen by it to uphold the Honor System on the campus. It is not an autocratic machine with unlimited powers. It is, rather, merely the machinery of a democracy, and its power ends where the support of the democracy back of it ends. In other words, if the Honor System is on the point of going into bankruptcy, the University Council is not to blame, but the student-body whose creature it is. Or, in its final analysis, it is a question of whether or not student government at the University of North Carolina has proven a failure.

Before we allow this verdict to be registered against us, we should decide whether or not we, as a student body, have become tired of the Honor System, of the honor and honorableness which it stands for, and want to substitute for it lying and cheating and stealing instead. If we want the latter, then it would seem we have only to encourage present conditions till they get a little more deeply rooted in our ideas. If we want the former, it is time for a house cleaning, and, to have this, several of us have got to rub the cobwebs off of our consciences and co-operate with the Council in a work of reform.

Our trouble is that we are suffering from moral cowardice. Those who see other men cheating or violating the system in any way know it is their duty to report the matter, and feel a powerful impulse to do so. This impulse with some becomes so strong, indeed, that they say, "I saw so-and-so cheating on examination and wish somebody would report it," but, from a superior sense of individual loyalty, and a lack of courage to discharge a duty, will not themselves do it.

By certain specious processes of reasoning, we may be able to excuse ourselves of the duty, but, in spite of this effort, this fact remains: the man who looks on at dishonorable conduct and refuses to meet his responsibility and report it to the Council, knows that he is, at least, an unworthy citizen of student-government, if not an actual culprit.

If we are to maintain ourselves as a decent community, we have got to get out of this notion and become conscious of the duty of citizenship. *We have got to act straight, and we have got to report to the Council ourselves, and not leave to somebody else, any violations of the Honor System we know of,* and stand with it in its work. Failing to do this, we will have to surrender our claims to decency, and substitute the law of lying and trickery in its stead; and see the system actually go into a state of bankruptcy.

Historical Society Meets

The Historical Society held its regular meeting in the Economics room Monday night at 7:30. The subject for the meeting was "The Moravians in North Carolina." Dr. H. M. Wagstaff gave a very interesting discussion of their growth into a concise compact people. He told of their reasons for coming to North Carolina. Dr. Wagstaff was followed by J. G. de R. Hamilton who spoke of the part they played in N. C.'s history. He said they were interested from the first in public education. They were a very hospitable people, kind and free.

"Bill" Ellis read an excellent paper on their church rituals and ceremonies, especially beautiful was his description of their service at Easter.

The Society was glad to have its permanent president, Dr. Kemp B. Battle present. Dr. Battle will address the Society at its next meeting the first Monday night in March.

Faculty at Tacky Party

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and presented to their attractive "cumpany sister" who was also appropriately attired. When all the couples had arrived, the cake walk began with a grand cake walk march of the entire assembly all over the first floor of the house. Music, rag-time, cake walk music of the original sort, was furnished by the Chapel Hill colored band. The judges were stationed on the seat of the large stairway landing overlooking the great hall, and as soon as the grand march had come to an uproarious conclusion, they announced that the contest for the cake should now begin. By numbers, the couples were then called on in turn to cake walk about the hall, and a more laughable spectacle would be hard to imagine than the enthusiastic rivalry that followed. At the close of the contest, the huge pink cocoa-nut cake was brought forward on a paper bedecked tray. The chairman of the judges, Dr. Frank P. Venable, in a very witty and most appropriate speech, announced that "tho all the couples were disgraceful onequal," the cake had been won by Miss May Hume and Mr. Booker.

Refreshments were then served, and in the dining room too the character of the party was faithfully carried out. The long table was spread with a red and blue couch cover, pieced out at one end with a newspaper and the other with a ragged square of home cretonne. Five candles, each stuck into an empty bottle, illuminated the table which fairly groaned under its comical array of kitchen bowls and pots and pans, these all filled and overflowing with typical cake walk dainties.

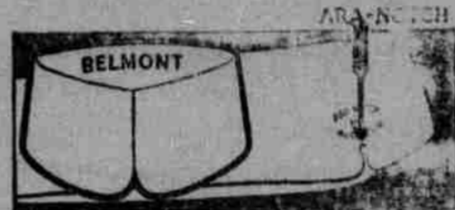
After supper, there was more cake walking by individual couples, and some general dancing and the jolly affair broke up at midnight, each guest almost worn out with laughter.

Those who attended the cake walk as contestants for the prize were: Mr. and Mrs. George Howe, Mr. Mrs. Geo. McKie, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.

Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herty, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mangum, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woolen, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Toy, Mr. and Mrs. Granger, Mr. and Mrs. James Royster, Mr. and Mrs. Vermont, Mr. and Mrs. de R. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Klutz, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McGehee Winston; Mrs. Mack David Horton, of Columbia S. C.; Mrs. Geo. Jewett, of Hartford, Conn.; Misses Hughes, Louise Pratt, of New Orleans; Louise Venable, Cantey Venable, May Hume, Dora McRae, Nellie Robinson, Wharton, Kate Duncan, of Columbia, S. C.; and Messrs. W. C. Coker, Vernon Howell, Mills, W. S. Bernard, T. H. Ruffin, Towles, Booker, C. C. Alexander, Wm. Dey, J. T. Costner, Marcus Noble, Hickerson, Collier Cobb, Hampden Hill, Major Wm. Cain.

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