

# OLD GOLD AND BLACK

## Judicial Council critiques honor system

Report designed to spark discussion and change attitudes

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To many, the honor code and the university judicial process are part of a confusing and ineffective system for upholding standards of behavior. That may soon change.

The Judicial Council released a report this week that summarizes the results of a year-long study of the honor system. The report itemizes several problems with the current system and suggests three broad ideas for change.

Katy Harriger, an associate professor of politics and the chairwoman of the Judicial Council, said that the purpose of the report is to generate discussion, with an aim of taking some action on the suggestions by the end of this academic year.

"I would like there to be some discussion in the community about what (the report) means," she said. "We are quite sincere in getting the information disseminated."

According to Harriger, the Judicial Council has the authority to initiate and enact such change, although the Student Government also has such authority.

The Judicial Council undertook the study because they received anecdotal evidence that there is a growing sense of discomfort on campus about the honor system, Harriger said. She said the council received complaints from faculty members and students who had gone through the judicial process.

The report is partially based on the results of a faculty survey conducted last year.

"Over 100 faculty members answered to the survey," Harriger said. "We estimate that about one-third of the faculty responded."

In addition to faculty, the introduction of the report states that the council consulted various representatives of the administration, including Dean of Student Life See Honor, Page A3

## SG discusses effects of report

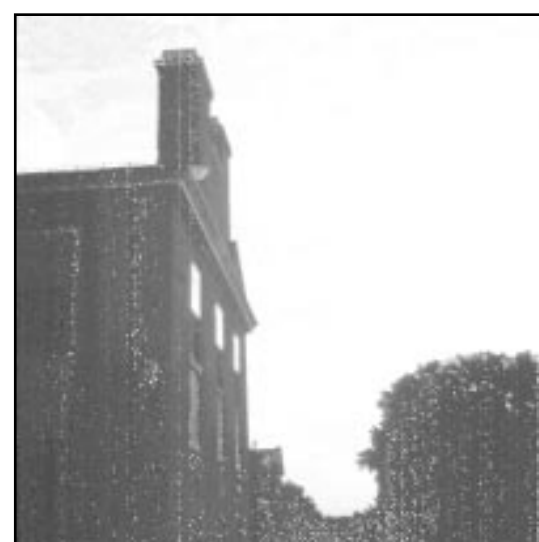
By KATE COSGROVE  
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Discussion of the Judicial Council's recently released report on the honor system dominated Tuesday evening's Student Government legislature meeting.

Senior Kathy Hennessy, the chairwoman of the Honor Council, spoke to the legislature about changes that may occur in an attempt to restore student, faculty and administration confidence in the system.

Hennessy advocated, on behalf of the Honor Council, a proposal that would allow advisers to join in the deliberation process of Honor Council trials.

Hennessy assured the legislature that her proposal would merely create equal adviser participation in both of the judicial branches. The Judicial Board allows advisers to engage in its trial deliberations. See SG, Page A3



Wendy Coulson

## No more blue skies

There is a 40 percent chance of rain Friday.



Wendy Coulson

## May I have this dance?

Sophomore Jen Gentile entertains one of the guests at the Volunteer Service Corps' Fall Ball, held in the Benson University Center Oct. 11.

## RSA votes to alter lock times

By RACHEL SHEEDY  
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In response to residents' complaints concerning keycards, the voting body of the Resident Student Association passed Tuesday evening a four-part proposal that includes changing the lockdown hours for residence halls.

Lockdown hours are currently midnight until 10 a.m. RSA's recommendation proposes changing the hours the dorms will be locked down to 2 a.m. until 7 a.m.

These hours were chosen because they coincide with visitation hours. The changing of the morning limit from 10 a.m. to 7 a.m. was proposed as the change would ease access for those who have early morning classes.

Freshman Erin Grall, who helped initiate the proposal along with freshman Wes McKellar, stressed at the meeting that there is no chance that the keycard system will be turned off and that they can only look at changing the hours.

Passed with no opposition, the measure will go to Connie Carson, the director of Residence Life and Housing.

Junior Chris Moody, the president of RSA, said that Carson already sat in on the subcommittee meeting where the proposal was formed.

Moody said Carson knows what the proposal includes.

"She is supportive ... she is interested in the (proposal) as it is a student initiative," Moody said.

He said Carson was going to look at the proposal seriously, keeping both the safety of the students and the needs of the students in mind while considering the measure.

The proposal is divided into four parts.

Moody said no part is contingent on the other and that some of the measures might be considered more leniently than the others.

The first part includes the change in lockdown hours.

The second part includes removing the lockdown on Taylor and Davis House lounges during daylight hours, from approximately 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The third part proposes publicizing Deacon Dollars and how to transfer See Lockdown, Page A3

## Enforcement of alcohol policy unchanged despite Hearn letter

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Campus Police are not changing the way they enforce policy as a result of President Thomas K. Hearn Jr.'s statement at the beginning of the semester against the abusive use of alcohol on campus, said Regina Lawson, the chief of Campus Police.

"I think there is some confusion among students about it," Lawson said.

Officers will intervene in alcohol-related incidents if they encounter them during a patrol or in the course of answering another call, as has always been the case. No new procedures have been implemented because of Hearn's statement, Lawson said.

As in previous years, students might be stopped by a Campus Police officer if they exhibit signs of drunkenness, such as the inability to walk on their own, a strong smell of alcohol on their person or the appearance of torn or soiled clothes, possibly results of falling down or getting sick due to alcohol consumption, Lawson said.

According to Lawson, if an officer is still unsure if a student is intoxicated or not, the officer may then choose

to administer a field sobriety test.

"It's been used quite a bit in the past ... it's really kind of the person's opportunity to demonstrate that they're not impaired; if someone's borderline or there's some doubt," Lawson said.

There have been a total of 70 alcohol-related incidents reported to the dean of student services this year. According to Lawson, the number of reported alcohol-related violations does not differ significantly from the number reported last year at this time.

The Division of Student Life has created the standards of intoxication that determine the category into which an alcohol offense falls. These standards affect the judicial process, not enforcement by the police, Lawson said.

Posters in Potat House this week announced breathalyzer testing by Campus Police, but Lawson said they may have presented an inaccurate message to students. Lawson said that breathalyzer tests are only administered to students in cases where motor vehicles are involved, when a student is suspected of drunk driving.

Lawson also said that there was confusion on the Potat posters regarding blood alcohol testing. "That would only happen in the event of a serious traffic accident," she said.

## Academic computer crashes again as server fails

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Students with mid-semester papers due Tuesday were in for an unpleasant surprise if they had saved their work to the academic computer.

Late Monday evening, ac was crippled by yet another hardware failure. This time the main system disk on ac852, one of the two computers that compose ac, failed and caused the machine to crash.

Though ac is made of two independent machines, the crash of ac852 had some severe implications due to the interdependence of the system.

"A lot of time it is difficult to see where those dependencies are until something goes down," said Noel Hunter, the academic computing support manager.

The machine, which until a year ago was the sole server, controlled keyserver authentication and modem and dataphone access. It also had a number

of applications tailored to the specialized needs of some faculty members.

More problems arose from computers in some campus offices and computer labs that were set up when ac852 was the only server.

Hunter said that when the plan to equip all students, faculty and staff with

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Noel Hunter

Academic computing support manager

IBM Thinkpad computers is fully implemented in 2000, the impact of a similar failure will be less dramatic.

"The problem right now is that we're supporting the Thinkpad prototype ... as well as people who are running all the older stuff, so we're trying to make the servers we have do more," he said.

The computer center has had a series of hardware-related problems with the server which first saw service in 1992 and with an identical machine of similar vintage that runs the card catalogue at the Z. Smith Reynolds Library. Hunter said that the computer center had planned to replace ac852 this summer.

Normally the load of users would be divided between the two servers.

Yesterday, however, while ac852 was down, a peak of 145 users were logged onto the other server, acg60, at one time.

Hunter said that he hoped that the machine would be back up by today. Hunter said that due to this crash and problems earlier this month, the computer center is moving toward a more redundant network and server design.

Staff had already moved all student and staff files to a redundant array of independent disks earlier this semester. If they had not installed the new disk system, these files would have been affected by the crash as well.

Hunter said that the center plans to move many of the specialized applications on ac852 to the new disk system on acg60. They also hope to eliminate the dependencies between the two machines.

With the influx of 5,000 laptop computers and the associated increase in central computing services, Hunter said that the computer staff had already planned to decentralize some services.

"We're looking at putting a lot of the Thinkpad servers on a lot of distributed PC based machines," he said.

The computer center might provide one server for each dorm and provide printing and other centralized services that way.

"It's a big problem. We've lost probably five to six days work to the disk crashes," Hunter said.

Students and staff who continue to have problems accessing the academic computer should make sure they try to access acg60 and not ac852. To resolve further problems, call the academic computing support center at Ext. 4272.



Jordan Wong

## On the road again

Freshman Marcellus Wilson heads toward Reynolda Hall with his drawing stool to make some sketches, while freshman Derek Costin accompanies him on his bicycle.



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