

# Here Is Complete Text Of Proposed Student Honor System

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT HONOR SYSTEM MERCER UNIVERSITY

### ARTICLE I HONOR COUNCIL

Sec. 1. There shall be an Honor Council composed of seven (7) members.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of the Honor Council shall be selected by a majority of the members composing the Honor Council within three (3) weeks after their election at a meeting designated as to time and place by the President of the Student Government.

Sec. 3. The Student Body shall elect the members of the Honor Council at the regular election of Student Government on the second Tuesday of April each year.

Sec. 4. The members of the Honor Council shall be installed at the same time of the installation of all Student Government officers at a meeting of the Student Body within three (3) weeks of their election. They shall hold office for a period of one year from the time of their installation.

Sec. 5. In case of a vacancy of the Honor Council during the regular term of office the remaining members of the Honor Council at the time of the occurrence shall fill the vacancy by a majority vote, and the person selected shall

remain in office until the regular term has expired.

Sec. 6. The following shall constitute the Honor Council: President of the Student Government, Vice-President of the Student Government, Freshman Adviser, two (2) members from the Senior Class, one (1) member from the Junior Class, and one (1) member from the Sophomore Class.

Sec. 7. The Chairman of the Honor Council shall appoint a Prosecutor subject to approval by two-thirds vote of the Honor Council within two (2) weeks after the installation of the Honor Council. The Prosecutor must be a member of the Senior Class or a member of the Law School.

### ARTICLE II HONOR CODE

Sec. 1. Each student shall be honor bound to refrain from cheating on examinations or other honor work designated by an instructor.

Sec. 2. Each student shall be honor bound to refrain from stealing.

Sec. 3. Each student shall be honor bound to refrain from perjury.

Sec. 4. Each student shall be honor bound to report in writing any violation of Sec. 1, 2, or 3 of this Article to any member of the Honor Council.

### ARTICLE III

#### HONOR COUNCIL TRIAL PROCEDURE

Sec. 1. The Jurisdiction of the Honor Council shall as to subject matter be limited to the trial and punishment of conduct in violation of Section 1, 2, or 3 of Article II.

Sec. 2. The Jurisdiction of the Honor Council shall as to persons be limited to the trial and punishment of members of the Student Government with the exception of the Law School.

Sec. 3. The Honor Council shall convene within two (2) school days after a report of a violation of the Honor Code at a time and place designated by the Chairman of the Honor Council.

Sec. 4. The Prosecutor shall obtain all the evidence for Student Government by confidential investigation and shall prosecute the case before the Honor Council. The Prosecutor shall have the power to call any witness and to request the Honor Council to subpoena any witness.

Sec. 5. The accused student shall have the right to select a defense counsel if he so desires. The defense counsel shall have the power to call any witness and to request the Honor Council to subpoena any witness.

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# The Mercer Cluster

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## Will We Agree To Stop Cheating?

### AN EDITORIAL

Will we, the students of Mercer, individually and collectively, agree to stop cheating?

The answer will be given Tuesday as Mercerians go to the polls to vote on the proposed Student Government Honor System for the liberal arts college of Mercer.

The answer should be "YES!"

No thinking person could logically oppose the idea behind the proposed honor system—the idea of building greater personal honor among all of the students of Mercer. No thinking person could logically propose that things stay as they are now with widespread cheating still prevailing unless the faculty members are given a special course in the guarding of prisoners and the detection of crime.

Some thinking persons may sincerely and, to them, logically believe that an honor system is unnecessary at Mercer; that it wouldn't work if we had one; that there really isn't as much cheating going on as the student-faculty committee on cheating says, anyway.

To those non-thinking persons, who oppose the basic idea of personal honor and who, knowing the seriousness of the situation, still wish for things to stay as they are, The Cluster has nothing to say. Any comment we could make would be wasted.

But to the latter group of sincere students who oppose the proposed honor system on the grounds stated, may we say: an honor system is necessary at Mercer to correct a genuine evil that does exist; the proposed honor system prepared by your own popularly elected officers of Student Government is a practicable, workable document. If you do not believe that the situation is as grave as we say, at least support a plan which you know will prevent its ever becoming that serious.

To each student enrolled at Mercer may we say: please think carefully before you vote. Think with an open mind—not in the light of what sort of person you are or have been—but in the light of what you believe you ought to be. Then, don't fail to express your opinion on this vital student issue by casting your vote on the proposed honor system Tuesday.

—J.C.

## Students To Vote Tuesday On Proposed Honor System



**NEW DESIGNS:** Miss Tony Bates looks over the new insignia designed for Chi Alpha Omega national theological fraternity by Wendell Sears, Mercer chapter member.—Cluster Staff Photo by Harriet Rankin.)

## New Insignia For Chi Alpha Omega Designed By Local Chapter Member

Wendell Sears, a member of the Mercer chapter of Chi Alpha Omega has designed a seal, a key, a shield, and redesigned a pin which will become the official signs and symbols of the theological fraternity for licensed and ordained college ministers.

Sears, a junior of Douglas, and a newly initiated member of Chi Alpha Omega, was given the task of creating the new designs as a member of the mother chapter of the fraternity.

Chartered in 1926 at Mercer under the name Alpha Omega, the theological fraternity went out of existence in 1933. It was re-chartered as a national fraternity in 1948 under the name Chi Alpha Omega, the old name having been discarded as the result of the formation of another college fraternal order by that name.

The first pin, a cross resembling that used by the Sigma Chi social fraternity, with the Greek letters Alpha and Omega inscribed on the left and right arms, was designed by the founders, Dr. Adel Montcrief and Hillyer H. Stratton.

In describing the redesigned pin, Sears said, "Although it still resembles the Sigma Chi badge, the members of the present group felt it undesirable to change the original design any more than absolutely necessary. We have altered it only by the addition of the single Greek letter, Chi."

## Polls To Be Open From Nine To Five

The proposed Student Government Honor System will be voted on by the student body Tuesday in polls open in the Co-op from 9 to 5 o'clock. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast will be required to pass the proposed amendment to the Student Government constitution. Jack Perry, junior college student council representative, will be in charge of the polls.

"The decision of the students on the proposed Student Government Honor System may determine the strength of Student Government on Mercer's campus for many years to come," Ray Brewster, student body president, said today.

"We have before us, in the proposed honor system, the opportunity of assuming a new and vital responsibility, or of rejecting a privilege which is rightfully our own—that of maintaining honor and decency among ourselves," he said.

"All of us will agree that cheating, stealing, and perjury are basically wrong; but the true test comes in the manner in which we attempt to correct these basic wrongs," Brewster continued. "The true ques-

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## Armstrong's 'Lee Battle Trophy' To Boost Campus Spirit

by Marion Barfield

Under the sponsorship of The College Shop and C. A. Armstrong, manager, a new and outstanding award to the organization creating the most school spirit is to be presented at a chapel program during spring quarter. The award is to be called "The Lee Battle Trophy" in honor of a Negro man who devoted about 35 years of his life to the student body of Mercer.

To any of the alumni Lee Battle is one of the favorite memories of their college days at Mercer. Every student was his friend and their troubles were his troubles. When Mercer had a team of any type, Lee was always there rooting his heart out for it. During football season he was water-boy for the team.

**Cook and Waiter**  
His regular duties at Mercer were in the dining hall where he was both cook and waiter. It is therefore fitting that a trophy given for fostering school spirit should bear the name of Lee Battle.

Any student organization meeting the requirements is eligible to receive this award. Three different committees have been set up to establish the procedure of awarding the trophy. One of the three committees is the awards committee whose job is to make the final

decision as to the receiver of the award. The committee is made up of the president of student government, one faculty member of the student activities committee, a member of the athletic department, one



Lee Battle... Insignia Award

administrative officer, and one co-ed.

The standards committee which is made up of the Dean of Men, Dean of Women, member of athletic department, and two independent students, one girl and one boy. It is the duty of this committee to draw up the qualifications and disqualifications for the organizations. The third committee is the Planning Committee which has as its purpose to coordinate the efforts of each organization participating. Membership consists of one representative from each fraternity, sorority, or other organization who enters the competition. The vice-president of student government will preside over the meetings.

**One Big Event**  
Each sorority, fraternity, or any similar organization has the chance to sponsor at least one important event each year.

Mr. Armstrong says he conceived the idea of the Trophy after the Georgia-Mercer Basketball game because of the high school spirit that was shown there. Mr. Armstrong said he appreciates the administration allowing him to give the award as he has wanted to do something for the student body. The committees are in full charge of the planning and presenting of the trophy.

## Imagine!

Half-circle of lawyers-to-be scanning paper-covered bulletin board in Law building.

Mercerian surreptitiously pelting second-story MEP window with stones after 11:30 p.m. door-locking.

Two ping-pongers remorsefully giving up game after ball ricochets into Co-op loft.

Student slotting nickel after nickel attempting to get shoes shine from new shiner in lower Co-op.

Signed pair of feminine unmentionables draped among other trophies in fraternity lounge.

Coatless registrar, pleased with rapid registration, strolling through shower to Ad building.