“When you tell a lie, you steal someone’s right to the truth.”
–Khaled Hosseini

**Virginia Tech to Change Honor System Culture**

By: Max Luong
Collegiate Times
2/04/2015

A new administration is currently sharpening one of the oldest university honor codes in the state. While President Timothy Sands rolled out infrastructural changes last fall, the provost appointed the Undergraduate Honor System’s first full-time director to oversee academic integrity. For James Earl Orr Jr., the weight of that duty entails more than sanctioning students who cheat on exams.

“We want to be the best in the nation,” Orr said. “But we could be better.” His accountability has a heavy emphasis on “we”, describing the student body as a whole. Orr, who has led the honor code program at every level at Mississippi State University, stresses the role of student leaders by implementing his three-pronged strategy. One of his goals is to improve the timeliness of resolving cases. “When I arrived last semester, our average case resolution was much faster than the past,” Orr said. “It was the result of having the most committed students in the country.”

The UHS relies heavily on its student ambassadors to initiate peer meetings, in which they discuss the case process and options with students reported for academic misconduct. Orr believes this practice in itself has fostered a positive culture with faculty and students. “Most students who come through the honor system are not bad students,” said Will DeShong, a student leader in the UHS. “They typically just make a poor decision.”

The office’s philosophy is that students cheat because of factors like poor study habits and time management. As a first year graduate student, DeShong aims to mitigate those problems through dialogue with the student. Additionally, the UHS will host seminars for faculty to cultivate culture in the classroom to educate students on academic misconduct.


**New Office Houses Ad Board and Honor Council**

By: Noah Delwiche
The Harvard Crimson
2/16/2015

The College will house both the Administrative Board and a student-faculty Honor Council under a single office as administrators roll out the College’s first honor code next school year. The Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct, as it will be called, will replace the College’s Office of the Secretary of the Ad Board in July, according to an email sent to undergraduates Friday from Dean of the College Rakesh Khurana.

Brett Flehinger, the Ad Board’s current interim secretary, and Lauren E. Brandt ’01, its interim associate secretary, will take on new leadership roles in the reorganized office, according to Khurana’s email. Flehinger will serve as Honor Council secretary while Brandt will become the Ad Board’s permanent secretary, and they will also hold the formal titles of associate dean of academic integrity and student conduct and assistant dean of academic integrity and student conduct, respectively.

In his email, Khurana wrote that the “new office will play a central role in driving our cultural commitment to integrity that forms the foundation of the new honor code,” a new policy that the Faculty of Arts and Sciences approved last year and that will overhaul the College’s approach to handling cheating cases next fall...

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**Announcements**

**Upcoming Events!**

**Plagiarism Across Europe and Beyond 2015**
University of Brno, Brno, Czech Republic
June 10-12, 2015
http://plagiarism.cz/

**Integrating Research into the Curriculum**
Council on Undergraduate Research
March 27 – 29, 2015
http://www.cur.org/

**HETL Learning Without Borders**
Minneapolis, MN
September 22-24, 2015
https://www.hetl.org/events/2015-hetl-pstl-conference/

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**Pressure Caused Improper Graduate Admission of Athletes**
Dan Kane TheState.com 2/28/2015

Michael Waddell had a low grade point average, no entrance exam score and was months past the deadline when an athletic official sought to have the football player admitted to UNC's graduate school in fall 2003.

John Blanchard, then a senior associate athletic director, made the request after classes began, on Sept. 5, just as Waddell was about to be declared ineligible to play against Syracuse the following day, according to records obtained by The News & Observer.

The plea to admit Waddell went up to UNC's provost, Robert Shelton. Email correspondence indicates Shelton saw no policy that would allow Waddell to enroll, but instead of telling him no, left it up to Linda Dykstra, the graduate school dean.

Dykstra admitted Waddell, who played in the season opener. He would play against Syracuse and all but one of the other nine remaining games that season.

Waddell is one of several athletes UNC athletics officials sought to keep eligible to play by getting them into graduate school, according to Cheryl Thomas, the graduate school's admissions director from 2002 to 2010...


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Hitotsubashi University – Tokyo
Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College - Ontario

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**Alleged Plagiarism by Two College Presidents**
Alex Friedrich MPRnews.com 3/2/2015

Minnesota's system of state-run colleges is looking into accusations that two of its campus presidents plagiarized their doctoral dissertations. Nicole Helget, a former South Central College adjunct instructor says the president of that college, Annette Parker, plagiarized others' work while studying at Western Kentucky University.

Helget also accused Dorothy Duran, the president of Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical, of plagiarizing parts of her dissertation at the University of Texas at Austin. "If you actually sit down with the dissertations and the documents they come from — like I have done — there is no question about whether these pieces were plagiarized on purpose or not," Helget said. Representatives for both presidents have denied the accusations...

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