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## Committee To Propose New Honor System

### Dr. Ashmore Supports Honor System

Dr. Henry Ashmore, Armstrong College President, has announced that he is "completely in agreement with establishing an honor system at Armstrong."

The honor system, he said, will be a good experience for students. Through the election of an Honor Council, Dr. Ashmore feels that students will be given the valuable opportunity of participating in self-government, and this participation will help them to assume more completely their responsibility as citizens.

Students must realize, he stated, that part of this responsibility includes helping to police one's fellow students even though it may be unpleasant to do so. Each individual has his own personal rights which he must guard. If

someone else tramples on these rights, a student's personal freedom is being interfered with. Cheating is an offense against the right of other students to an honest education, and this right must be protected by the students to whom it belongs. Therefore the responsibility of an honor system, Dr. Ashmore stated, lies with the students, who must "support it if such a system is to be effective."

The Honor Council, Dr. Ashmore pointed out, is like the jury system. Students who are accused of violating the honor system will be judged by other students. He said that an honor system can work at Armstrong because "it has been my experience that, when students assume the responsibility

of an honor court, they have always met this responsibility."

At Pensacola Junior College, where Dr. Ashmore was president before he came to Armstrong, the students had a "very effective" honor system, which had operated without any problems. As a student at the University of Florida, he served as a clerk in the Honor Court office. The honor system there, which has been in operation for about thirty years, was also quite effective.

Dr. Ashmore also stated that he is very pleased with the spirit of the students at Armstrong, especially with that of the freshmen. He has noticed that most students are enthusiastic about school activities, and he hopes that this will set a pattern

### Students, Faculty To Vote on Plan

The Honor System Committee will present their recently formulated plan for an honor system to the student body at assemblies of the sophomore and freshman classes on January 18 and January 20. At these assemblies, the committee, headed by Mr. Lee Sayre, will present and explain the proposed honor system to the students and answer any questions concerning the plan.

After the new honor system has been introduced, explained, and discussed, students and faculty will vote on whether to accept or reject the proposed system. If the honor system is accepted, it will go into effect immediately, and an Honor Council will be elected to administer the new plan. Should the proposed system go into effect, it will be the first such system to be established in the University System of Georgia.

The committee formulated the soon to be proposed honor system in the Fall Quarter. Committee members examined similar systems which are being used effectively at such schools as the University of Virginia, Emory University, Davidson College, University of the South, and Virginia Military Institute before drawing up a plan for Armstrong. Parts of each of those systems studied were adapted into what the committee feels will be an effective plan for Armstrong College.

Elected last September to draw up an honor system for Armstrong, members of the honor committee included three faculty members and four students: Mr. Lee Sayre (Chairman), Mr. William Coyle, Mr. Manning Hiers, Linda Thomason, Chuck Claxton, Faye Battayias, and Billy Whitten.

Students are asked to think seriously before voting. As Mr. Sayre pointed out, a well-publicized cheating incident last year proved that Armstrong needs an honor system to protect the majority of students from the dishonest practices of a few as well as to preserve high educational standards.



Members of the Student-Faculty Honor Committee are: Mr. Lee Sayre, Mr. William Coyle, Mr. Manning Hiers, Linda Thomason, Faye Battayias, Chuck Claxton, and Billy Whitten.

The following is a report to the student body from the sophomore and freshmen representatives to the Student-Faculty Committee for establishing an Honor System at Armstrong:

In September, 1964, the freshman and sophomore classes chose us to help devise an honor system for Armstrong College. This move was taken as a result of widely publicized cheating that had gone on during last Spring Quarter. The original impetus for the establishment of an honor system came from students at large who were tired of flagrant dishonesty on exams. Since the committee was set up, we have worked with Mr. Sayre, Mr. Coyle, and Mr. Hiers, comparing methods used at other schools and going over in full detail the various aspects of an honor system. We have spent many hours in careful

study and discussion, examining ideas and proposals, rejecting some and accepting others, until now we have arrived at what we believe is an acceptable and effective system. We will present the plan to the student body on January 18 and January 20.

At the assemblies, the plan will be gone over section by section, and there will then be a question and answer period. Since you will have a copy of the plan (it is given in its entirety in this Inkwell Extra), you will be able to consider it in advance and will be in a better position to get answers to your questions. At the assemblies, you may suggest additions or deletions to the proposed plan. Afterwards, the Honor Committee will consider the suggestions and then submit the proposed plan to the student body and faculty for a vote. You may accept or



reject the plan.

Voting on this plan is an extremely important matter, and the outcome of your choice will have a vital impact on the future of Armstrong. We urge that each of you carefully consider this plan, realizing that such an honor system will affect you and every other member of this college community. Moreover, the acceptance of the plan will not only affect those of us here at Armstrong at present, but it will be part of college life for all future classes.

Faye Battayias Linda Thomason  
Billy Whitten Chuck Claxton



# PROPOSED HONOR SYSTEM FOR ARMSTRONG COLLEGE

## SUBMITTED BY A JOINT FACULTY-STUDENT COMMITTEE

### NOVEMBER 24, 1964

- I. All students must agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Honor System. A student will not be accepted at Armstrong College unless he signs the following statement at the time of his first registration:
- "I have read the regulations governing the Honor System at Armstrong College, and I understand that as a student at Armstrong I must comply with all of these requirements."
- This statement and all rules and regulations governing the Honor System will be printed in the official catalog and in the "A" Book. The statement will also be printed on the application form for admission to be signed by the student when applying.
- II. The following will be considered violations of the Honor Code:
- 1) Academic dishonesty of any kind (giving or receiving any unauthorized help on any assignment, test, or paper)
  - 2) Stealing only when related to cheating
  - 3) Lying before the Honor Council
  - 4) Failure to report a known offense to the Honor Council. (Lying or stealing in any other cases will be considered disciplinary, not Honor, matters.)
- III. Ways of reporting a violation of the Honor Code:
- 1) Self-reporting: A student who has broken the Honor Code should report himself to a member of the Honor Council.
  - 2) Anyone (faculty member or student) who is aware of a violation of the Honor Code must report the matter. This may be done in one of two ways:
    - A) He may tell the person thought to be guilty to report himself to a Member of the Honor Council no later than the end of the next school day. At the same time the person who is aware of the violation should inform a member of the Honor Council so that the Council may contact the accused person if he does not report himself during the time limit (OR)
    - B) He may report the suspected violation directly to a member of the Honor Council without informing the accused.
- IV. The Honor Council will be composed of eleven students:
- 1) A President, who must be a member of the senior class, to be elected by the whole student body
  - 2) A Vice-President, a senior, elected as above
  - 3) A Secretary, who must be a junior, elected as above.
  - 4) Two representatives from each of the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes, elected by the members of their respective classes.
- The election of officers will be held in the Spring Quarter. The election of class representatives will be held in the Fall Quarter.
- During Summer School any member of the previous year's Honor Council who is attending summer classes will continue on the Honor Council for the summer. These along with the three officers elected in the previous Spring Quarter will appoint other students in Summer School to fill the remaining vacancies. Any officers not present in the Summer School will be temporarily replaced by appointment of the Summer School Honor Council.
- Qualifications for membership—All officers and representatives (except Freshmen) must have an over all average of "C" or better for all work at Armstrong. Freshmen representatives must have an over all average of "C" or better from high school work.
- Any student not in good standing with the college in academic or disciplinary matters is ineligible to serve on the Honor Council.
- Any member of the Honor Council who falls below these requirements during his term of office will be replaced by his next runner-up from the previous election.
- V. Until there are four classes at Armstrong, the following students will compose the Honor Council:
- For 1964-1965 and 1965-1966 school years:
- The President and Vice-President must be upper classmen, elected by entire student body.
- The Secretary must be a Freshmen, elected by entire student body.
- There will be four representatives from each of the two classes, elected by each class.
- For 1966-1967 school year:
- The President and Vice-President must be Juniors, elected by the entire student body.
- The Secretary must be a Sophomore, elected by the entire student body.
- There will be two Juniors, three Sophomores, and three Freshmen representatives, elected by each class.
- VI. Honor Council Procedure for examining a reported violation:
- It is recommended that an Honor Council meeting be called by the president to examine a reported violation as soon as possible after such a report.
- At the meeting the Honor Council will hear the accusation, the testimony of any witnesses, and any defense the accused may wish to present.
- Eight members of the Honor Council will constitute a quorum. The secretary will keep minutes of all meetings and all official testimony will be tape recorded.
- A vote of two-thirds majority of the members of the Honor Council present and voting will be necessary for the conviction of the accused.
- The vote will be taken by secret ballot.
- VII. If the accused is found innocent by vote of the Honor Council, the case will be closed and no further action will be taken. If a person is found guilty, the Honor Council will recommend to the President of Armstrong College either of two punishments:
- 1) Suspension from school for any number of quarters (OR)
  - 2) Expulsion from school.
- All decisions of the Honor Council will be made as recommendations to the President of Armstrong College, who will always have the final decision in any action to be taken. After the President of the College has decided on his course of action, he will inform the accused person of this decision and the President will post an official notice on the bulletin boards announcing his action.
- VIII. All students will be required to write on any written assignment, test, or paper a pledge that he has neither given or received any unauthorized help. This may be done by writing the word "Pledged" followed by the student's signature.

## REMEMBER THESE DATES!

- Sophomore Assembly—12:30, Monday, January 18, 1965, Auditorium.
- Freshman Assembly—12:30, Wednesday, January 20, 1965, Auditorium.
- Presentation to Entire Faculty—12:30, Friday, January 22, 1965, Hunt building.
- Revision by Honor System Committee—Friday, January 22, 1965.
- Publication and distribution of final form—Monday, January 25, 1965.
- Presentation to Faculty Council for Vote—12:30, Friday, January 29, 1965, Dean's Office
- Presentation to Entire Faculty for Vote—12:30, Tuesday, February 2, 1965, Hunt Building.
- Sophomore Assembly, Final Discussion—12:30, Thursday, February 4, 1965, Auditorium.
- Freshman Assembly, Final Discussion—12:30, Monday, February 8, 1965, Auditorium.
- Vote by Student Body—Wednesday, All Day, February 10, 1965, Armstrong Lobby.