

# Code violations provoke desire for Honor Court

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Several incidents of students violating the Aggie honor code have prompted the Student Senate rules and regulations committee to research the possibility of reviving the Honor Court at Texas A&M University.

Greg Bates, vice-president of Student Government and chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee, said the Student Affairs office has not effectively dealt with several incidents at the University. Bates listed examples including a Corps of Cadets senior pulling his saber on a Southern Methodist University cheerleader, a student stealing computer time to change grades, and a student taking and wrecking a Texas A&M Flying Club plane. The plane accident endangered the lives of two other people, Bates said.

Bates said these incidents were matters of honor as well as against the University's discipline code, but the breach of honor was not considered in the students' disciplinary action.

Bates, who also is president of the Flying Club, said the leniency of the students' punishment makes a mockery of discipline and the Aggie honor code. The student who wrecked the plane was put on conduct probation. Bates said he thought the punishment wasn't severe enough and tells other students they can break the rules and get away with it.

Student Government has been considering reviving the Honor Court since last year, Bates said.

The Rules and Regulations Committee is researching honor courts at other schools, including the University of Virginia, Rice University, the University

of Florida and the military academies, Bates said. The committee will present a proposal for a first reading to student government Dec. 8. The proposal will be voted on after the holidays.

Bates said the committee has no specific plans, but will consider the committee's findings from other schools along with the Texas A&M Cadet Court and the old University Honor Court. The old court also dealt with incidents other than honor violations.

Bates said the court would probably consist of students appointed to the court by the student government president. The court would consider the cases brought before it and in each case would make a recommendation to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services, or President Frank E. Vandiver. Koldus or Vandiver would make the final decision on discipline. He said student body President Pat Pearson discussed the idea with Vandiver.

Bates said the major disadvantage to the honor court is the responsibility will be with students, who may not be as unbiased and objective as someone hired by the University. But he believes the honor code is something that must be enforced, and that it's up to students to enforce it.

Honor, he said, is not something read in a book and forgotten.

"It's something to live by for the rest of your life," Bates said. The code is "only asking that you live by accepted standards."

Bill Kibler, assistant director of student affairs, is in charge of discipline at Texas A&M. He agrees the honor code is not upheld as it should be, and that students should police them-

selves. His office does not consider the honor code in its decisions, he said, and deals only with the discipline code in the University Rules and Regulations handbook.

Kibler said the problem with enforcing the honor code is that it doesn't say what happens if a student violates it. Enforcement of the code depends on how it is interpreted, he said.

Kibler said his judgments usually are interpreted as being too lenient or too severe. He said the problem with other people making judgments on his decisions is that outsiders have no way of knowing exactly what went on in the hearing and they don't always understand the ramifications of the punishments given.

For example, a student who is on conduct probation is not eligible for financial aid from the University, must withdraw from any office he holds and cannot represent the University in any way. Most importantly, Kibler said, if the student gets into any other trouble while he is on

probation, he probably will be suspended.

Punishments range from a verbal reprimand to dismissal from the University indefinitely, Kibler said. The punishment is determined in a hearing and depends on the severity of the offense, whether the student has been in trouble before and the student's attitude.

"My interest is, number one, I've got to temper whatever I do by the severity of the infraction," he said. "Other things I look at are the more personal characteristics of that student."

Kibler said if a student seems to realize the severity of what he has done and is truly repentant, he tries to give the student the benefit of the doubt. He said he must have a clear, obvious reason to choose a severe punishment.

Kibler said he takes a chance on the students and said he usually is right. Those who come back again and again usually don't stay around too long, he said.

# White males get ahead in business

by Mary Ann Swick  
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The people who get ahead in corporate America are white Republican Protestant males who attended such schools as Harvard or Princeton, the division manager of labor relations for Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania said here Tuesday night.

In 1978, the Harvard Business Review showed those were the types of people making it in the business world, Dr. John P. Fernandez told an audience at Rudder Theater.

"Those were the types of people who were getting ahead in the corporate structure, and still are today," he said.

At lower corporate levels, management looks for technicians, electrical engineers, lawyers, accountants and labor specialists, but for upper-level positions, they look for managerial, organizational and administrative skills, he said.

The search for those skills has led to the exclusion of women and minorities and also has forced the exclusion of white males who don't fit into the corporate role, Fernandez said.

In a corporation, minorities who are the most confident and able also are the most critical of how the system is working, he said. Those are the individuals

most likely to be criticized by the white males they are making uncomfortable and the least likely to be promoted, he said.

Instead, minority women with average capabilities are promoted because they don't cause problems for the existing management, Fernandez said.


"White males that don't fit in, don't have to deal with race or sex," Fernandez said. "Minority males have to deal with race, but minority women have to deal with both race and sex."

White males control society's institutions and build up stereotypes and myths in people's minds until the people begin to believe them.

Minorities and women should develop a strategy to deal with the problems in business, Fernandez said.

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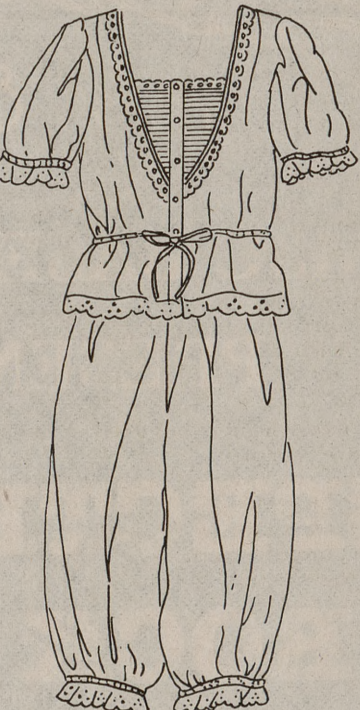
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