

The Honor Newsletter

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Welcome to The Honor Newsletter! This twice-a-semester update is your one-stop-shop for all things Honor.

I. Election Updates

The Committee has published a piece in the [Cavalier Daily](#) about our proposals. Throughout the next three weeks, the Committee will be holding education and outreach events to provide more information before you place your vote. All UVA students are encouraged to vote.

- A discussion (with free food!) hosted by Sustained Dialogue, Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Newcomb Ballroom
- A debate (and pizza!) hosted by the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in Jefferson Hall (Hotel C)

The full schedule of events will be posted on our [Get Out the Vote](#) event page or on our [Facebook](#) page.

Voting begins Friday, February 19, at 10 a.m. and goes until Thursday, February 25, at 4 p.m.

II. Education & Outreach News

Honor Committee Meetings

Want your voice heard? Come out to Honor's weekly Committee meetings Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Trial Room on the fourth floor of Newcomb. Meetings present an opportunity to voice your concerns, learn more about the Committee's education and outreach efforts, and stay up to date with potential policy changes.

Honorable Mention

This semester, the Honor Committee is introducing an initiative, the Honorable Mention, in which we hope to encourage the community to recognize deeds that further foster a Community of Trust. We hope that students will begin to submit Honorable Mentions to expand the narrative of Honor's impact on the University. The Executive Committee will review submissions on a bi-weekly basis and selected students will be recognized for their positive contribution to our community. We hope this effort promotes

the ideal that every student is a part of the Honor system. Please do not limit the scope of what you believe worthy of recognition; it could range from caring for a friend in need to returning someone's lost ID. [You can nominate peers here.](#)

Honor Loans

The Ivey F. Lewis Honor Loan is a short-term loan for full-time students (graduate and undergraduate) in need of emergency aid. All loans are interest-free with a maximum loan amount of \$600. Visit the Dean of Students Office in Peabody Hall or call 924-7133 to make an appointment.

University Board of Elections Candidate Forum

The University Board of Elections will be hosting a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, February 17, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Newcomb Ballroom. The Forum will be an opportunity to hear from candidates running for office and organizations proposing referenda.

III. Case Processing Updates

CR: The Honor System permits a student to atone for his or her mistakes by filing a Conscientious Retraction (CR). A valid and complete CR involves the admission of a possible Honor Offense before the student has reason to believe that such offense has come under suspicion by anyone.

IR: The Informed Retraction (IR) permits a student to atone for his or her mistakes after an Honor Report has been made. An IR is predicated on a student taking responsibility for the commission of an Honor Offense and making amends with all affected parties. A student must then take a two-semester leave of absence from the University.

LAG: Leave Admitting Guilt (LAG) is when an accused student waives his right to an Honor hearing and is deemed to have admitted guilt.

IR: In October, a student filed an IR for lying about reasons for needing to withdraw from a summer class.

CR: In November, a student submitted a CR for using unauthorized materials on a take home exam.

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LAG: In December, a student decided to LAG for plagiarizing on several writing assignments in an English class.

CR: In December, a student submitted a CR for falsifying class attendance on a sign-in sheet.

IR: In December, a student submitted an IR for cheating on an exam through unauthorized collaboration.

IR: In January, a student submitted an IR for lying about attendance in a class.

IR: In January, a student submitted an IR for cheating by plagiarizing in a paper.

IR: In February, a student submitted an IR for lying to a professor about the submission of a final paper.

IR: In February, a student submitted an IR for cheating on a final exam by using unauthorized aid and looking at the sheet of a neighboring student.

CR: In January, a student submitted a CR for lying in the process of the application for a leadership position in a CIO.

CR: In January, a student submitted a CR for using a cell phone as unauthorized aid during an exam.

IV. Honor Hearings

A student in the School of Nursing was accused of using unauthorized aid on two exams in a required class in the Nursing School. A student in the class reported the case.

The Community argued that the Accused Student used her cell phone to access class notes during two closed-book and closed-note exams. The student reporter claimed that she witnessed the Accused Student scrolling on her phone in her lap for periods of time that were longer than just checking the time. The Accused argued that she did not use her phone to access any class materials, and that if she did look at her phone, it was to respond to a text message or check the time.

The Accused Student was found not guilty by a mixed panel of students and Committee members.

A student in the College of Arts & Sciences was accused of Stealing Plus Dollars from her roommate as well as Stealing a list of items from her roommates. The Community argued that video evidence submitted by the local police department showed the Accused Student knowingly using her roommates Plus Dollars. This Act of Stealing was compounded by multiple missing items reported by multiple roommates in the apartment. The Accused Student argued that she was given permission to use her roommate's Plus Dollars. She reported that she too had items missing from the apartment but did not steal any of them. A panel of randomly-selected students found the Accused Student not guilty on the basis of Act and Knowledge with respect to both counts of Stealing.

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