

# Honor Council

H A V E R F O R D C O L L E G E

## Honor Council Sunday Meeting, 5:00pm Public Minutes from December 11, 2005.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leah Gold, D. Jacob Rabinowitz, Stephanie Rudolph (Co-Sec), Travis Green (Co-Chair), Andrew Yeats (Co-Chair), Brandon West (Co-Sec), Micah Sieber, Daniel Studenmund, Abby Krumholz, T. Dan Logan, Lindsey Merikas, Adem Bunkeddeko, Justin Dainer-Best, Emma Eisenberg, Ben Pyenson

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Jon Williams **Librarian:** Dan Sacks '08 in attendance

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

**1. Librarian:** Dan Sacks came to speak to Council about releasing his regular semester report to the community. Council will consent on the report to ensure that there are no confidentiality issues with the report.

### 2. Tom King Visits Council:

- **Background:** Several weeks ago, two students were arrested for smoking pot. The students were spotted by security on the closed circuit cameras previously placed in HCA for security purposes. Some members of Council were concerned that security used the cameras to call the police because upon their installation, security had promised the cameras would be used only to prevent theft, violence, and other such crimes. The cameras were put in around Thanksgiving of last year. The night the cameras were installed, someone (not from Haverford College) broke in and an arrest was made. Nobody has broken into HCA since. Honor Council and security had a long dialogue about the installation of the cameras last fall.
- **Tom's explanation to Council:** Tom explained that security generally does not call police. At the time this incident occurred, however, security was on heightened alert because the college was concerned about retaliation from a fight at HCA. The two white, male students smoking pot in the back of HCA looked "suspicious." At first, it was not even apparent from the cameras that they were smoking. One was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, and one had disappeared into the bushes for about 30 seconds while behind the apartment. The police were called because the officers were not comfortable confronting the men (not knowing they were students), and were concerned they might be violent.
- **Tom's Solutions:**
  - Put up signs describing where the cameras are.
  - Educate students about the cameras during customs week.
  - Discuss this issue with officers (though Tom says that this tape was suspicious and the officer had acted appropriately in calling the police).
  - Tom wants students to feel comfortable with security; it is very important to him that students and security have a positive relationship.
- **Concerns:**
  - **Abby:** Abby was concerned that telling students about the placement of cameras would lead students to avoid the area behind HCA, exacerbating mistrust between students and security.
  - **Travis:** Travis was concerned that the tapes could be subpoenaed in court. Tom says that they theoretically could be.

### 3. No Confidential Portion

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These minutes reflect the opinions of Stephanie (srudolph@hc) and Brandon (bwest@hc) and are not reviewed or approved by Council.