Honor and Student Conduct Councils increase transparency through Ethics Week

While the Honor and Student Conduct Councils had always been known for their judicial actions at the College, few knew how exactly it was that these governing bodies on campus came to their verdicts. Therefore, the two organizations decided to come together to produce an Ethics Week to bring awareness to their procedures and promote transparency.

The Undergraduate Honor Council was comprised of 24 members. Eight students from the rising senior, junior, and sophomore classes were elected in February by the student body. No formal campaigning was permitted for the elections. The Undergraduate Student Conduct Council, which informed the College community of the Code of Conduct, was a smaller body of 13 underclassmen. Five seniors, four juniors, and four sophomores made up the Council.

Ethics Week, which was held in March, began on Monday with a round table discussion with President Reveley about the state of ethics at the College. On Wednesday, a mock Honor Council trial was conducted, with members of the councils serving as professors, alleged students, and panel members. Afterwards, there was a question and answer period in which students present were invited to ask anything about the judicial process. The final event on Friday was a screening of the movie “Gone Baby Gone,” a movie about officials in an ethical quandary.

In addition to broadening the scope of their purpose, both the Honor and Student Conduct Councils continued to provide campus with an honest judicial body and assorted outreach programs, such as Honor Council’s Exam Relief Lemonade outside of Swem and Student Conduct Council’s breathalyzer test “Blow 00” to get free t-shirts on the last day of classes, also known as Blowout.

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