

# LAY DOWN THE LAW

## 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.

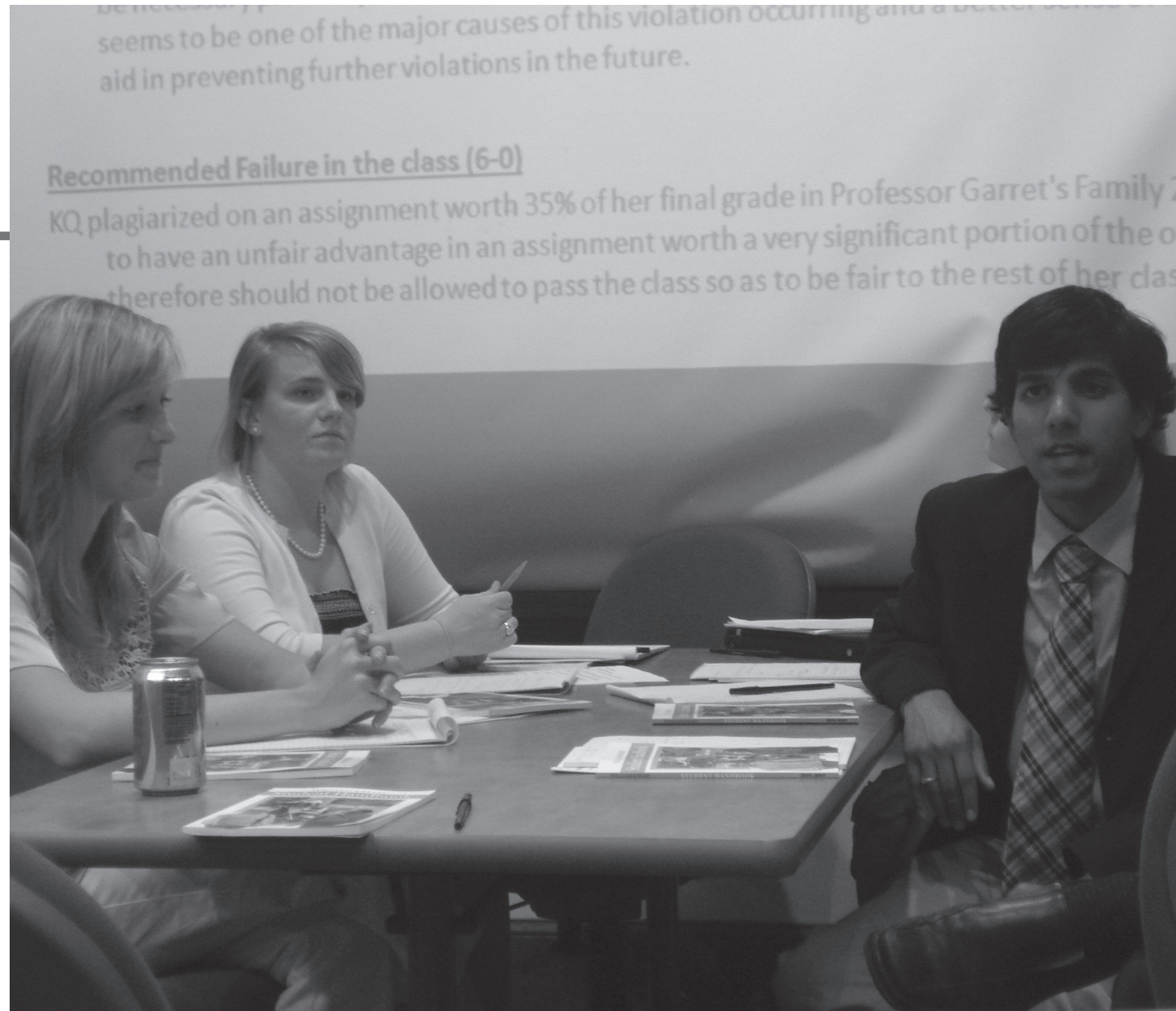
The Undergraduate Honor Council was comprised of 24 members. Eight students from the rising senior, junior and sophomore classes were elected in February by the student body. No formal campaigning was permitted for the elections. The Undergraduate Student Conduct Council, which informed the College community of the Code of Conduct, was a smaller body of 13 undergraduate students. 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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Pausing in the middle of the Mock Panel, sophomore Honor Council member John Pothen explains what is happening in the current stage of the proceeding. The event showed each step of a fictitious case, from the actual plagiarism to the verdict, in order to educate the student body of the Honor Council's procedures in deciding cases of lying, cheating or stealing.

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Sophomore Honor Council member Will Perkins explains a portion of the Judicial process during a Mock Panel. Many students attended the panel to learn what happens when a student is accused of lying, cheating or stealing.



Outgoing Student Conduct Council Chair Senior Ashley Bevins makes her final speech at the spring induction ceremony for new members. Student Conduct Council members were selected through an application and interview process.



Outgoing Honor Council Chair Senior Matthew Dinan answers a question during the Mock Panel event of Ethics Weeks. Each event held during the week provided an open atmosphere where students were invited to learn more about the Honor and Student Conduct Councils.



Seniors on the Student Conduct Council induct the four new rising sophomore members. The ceremony was held in the Wren Chapel, and family and friends of the inductees were invited to attend.

Honor Council Chair junior Bailey Thomson and Vice-Chair junior Christine Dang preside over a meeting. Honor Council Meetings were held once a week and allowed for new business to be brought up and new cases to be discussed.