THE HONOR MEN

The University of Virginia writes her highest degree on the souls of her sons. The parchment page of scholarship—the colored ribbon of a society—the jeweled emblem of a fraternity—the orange symbol of athletic prowess—all these, a year hence, will be at the best the mementos of happy hours—like the withered flower a woman presses between the pages of a book for sentiment’s sake.

But ....
If you live a long, long time, and hold honesty of conscience above honesty of purse;
And turn aside without ostentation to aid the weak;
And treasure ideals more than raw ambition;
And track no man to his undeserved hurt;
And pursue no woman to her tears;
And love the beauty of noble music and mist-veiled mountains and blossoming valley and great monuments—
If you live a long time and, keeping the faith in all these things hour by hour, still see that the sun gilds your path with real gold and that the moon floats in dream silver;

Then....
Remembering the purple shadows of the lawn, the majesty of the colonnades, and the dream of your youth, you may say in your reverence and thankfulness:

"I have worn the honors of Honor.
I graduated from Virginia."

-James Hay, Jr., ’03

HONOR COMMITTEE AND BROTHERS: Given the significance of our Honor System we have been surprised that there seems to exist no complete list of the students who have served on the Honor Committee since its inception in 1842.

Indeed, we have been unsuccessful in even ascertaining the method of composing the Honor Committee during the first 3-4 decades of the system, much less discovering the identities of any of its individual members during that time.

We assume that early on the University's student culture expected the actual committees composition to be kept very "low profile" and discreet. Indeed the Corks & Carls does not devote any space whatsoever to the Honor Committee until the late 1930's.

Yet, from the Alumni Bulletin of July 1909 we learn that "the Honor Committee shall consist of the presidents of the five departments in the University, and the vice president of the department of which the accused is a member; and in case of the absence of any member of this committee the next highest officer in his department shall act in his place, the officers ranking in the following order: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian."

We know from various individual records that this procedure had existed for some time prior to 1909, and we feel safe to assume it had existed since 1890 when the first department officers were elected. We also believe since 1890 that the president of the "Academic Class" (later the College) has served as Chairman of the Honor Committee, and that the Vice President of the Academic Department (College) has served as Vice Chairman.

Using those assumptions the following lists include our DKE Brothers (from 1890) who have served the University as stewards of its most cherished student institution—The Honor System. We regret our inability to uncover the information for Honor Committee membership and service during the Honor Systems first 50 years, as we stand quite confident that more than a few of our earliest DKE Brothers, who for now will remain unnamed, served with distinction on those Honor Committees.
HONOR COMMITTEE

CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN

1892 Chairman ........................................... Murray Mason McGuire
1893 Chairman ........................................... Murray Mason McGuire
1895 Chairman ........................................... John Garnett Nelson
1900 Vice Chairman ...................................... William Morton Dey
1901 Chairman ........................................... William Morton Dey
1906 Vice Chairman ...................................... Oscar deWolf Randolph
1907 Chairman ........................................... John Jennings Luck
1932 Vice Chairman ...................................... Henry Moseley Sackett
1933 Vice Chairman ...................................... Harold Cutliff Stuart
1934 Vice Chairman ...................................... Gordon Fryer Rainey
1949 Chairman ........................................... David Wilkinson Carr
1951 Vice Chairman ...................................... William Hooper
1955 Chairman ........................................... Gessner Harrison Echols
1959 Chairman ........................................... Frank Lloyd Call
1966 Chairman ........................................... George H. Morison
1967 Vice Chairman ...................................... John M. Freeman
1977 Vice Chairman ...................................... Steven E. Farrar
1983 Vice Chairman ...................................... Scott M. Kelley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1897 Honor Committee .................................... Eugene Lanier Sykes
1900 Honor Committee .................................... Philip Lightfoot Wormeley Jr.
1901 Honor Committee .................................... Philip Lightfoot Wormeley Jr.
1903 Honor Committee .................................... Brodie Crump Nalle
1907 Honor Committee .................................... Herbert Augustine Claiborne, Jr.
1910 Honor Committee .................................... Matthew Hobson Murphy
1920 Honor Committee .................................... Virginius Dabney
1925 Honor Committee .................................... John Staige Davis
1942 Honor Committee .................................... Edwin P. Parker
1950 Honor Committee .................................... David Wilkinson Carr
1950 Honor Committee .................................... Frank S. Goodman
1951 Honor Committee .................................... Frank S. Goodman
1953 Honor Committee .................................... Joseph Mehalick
1954 Honor Committee .................................... John James Polzer
1954 Honor Committee .................................... Granville Hamilton Swope III
1955 Honor Committee .................................... Frank Marshall Slayton
1955 Honor Committee .................................... Harry Emmick Lee
1956 Honor Committee .................................... John R. Wald
1957 Honor Committee .................................... Benjamin Anthony Petrilli
1957 Honor Committee .................................... Marion Jack Rinehart
1966 Honor Committee .................................... Marion Jack Rinehart
1989 Honor Committee .................................... Christopher Vali Moein
1996 Honor Committee .................................... Christopher Vali Moein
2000 Honor Committee .................................... Eric Lanning Laborde
2001 Honor Committee .................................... William Gordon Kain