







**The Honor System—  
Does It Mean Anything?**

Since the last regular edition of the Sou'wester, the Honor Council has seen fit to take steps to punish certain dishonest practices which were prevalent in the school. Also the Council has issued a warning concerning dishonest practices in the girl's and boy's gym classes.

This is a matter that concerns all of us, for the Honor Council is Southwestern. Every person on the campus is a part, an integral part, of the Honor System. When we take the honor pledge at the beginning of our registration for Southwestern, we say, in effect, that we will do all in our power to foster the honor spirit at Southwestern, that we will do all in our power to make the Honor System at Southwestern a vital, real sort of thing, that we will make the Honor System at Southwestern the envy of neighboring schools.

It seems impossible to believe, but it is true that, after the Council had taken punitive measures, certain members of the student body attempted to form a petition against the action of the Council.

This is a serious sort of a thing. When members of the student body have reached the stage when criticism arises against the Honor Council because the Council performs its duty, the Honor Spirit has ceased to exist.

The individual members of the Honor Council all realize their serious responsibility and try to perform their task, probably the most momentous of the school, with fairness and with reason. Every possible consideration is given to a suspected party. Frequently, a trial of the Honor Council will last for three or four days, as the members attempt to make sure that justice be done.

We do not need to offer a petition to the Honor Council. We need to offer them a vote of confidence, an expression of gratitude, a declaration of congratulations for the manner in which they perform their peculiar duties.

Certainly, we should not try to tear down the Honor Council after it has accomplished so much for Southwestern in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Examinations begin in a week and here we see probably the most vivid expression of the honor system at Southwestern. Elsewhere in this edition will be found the Examination Regulations.

Also will be found an open letter to the student body from Miss Julia Wellford, president of this year's council. Close attention should be given both these items and we should all make it a point to become better acquainted with our Honor Council, for the Council is one of our proudest possessions.

Let us be proud of them.

**This Place Is Too Hot!**

The classrooms at Southwestern are usually kept at a temperature torridly hot. We may safely say that nearly always the temperature is at least eighty degrees or above. In a typical class the occupants swelter for the first half of the period and then are necessarily subjected to a cold draft for the remaining time in order to cool off the room. The usual appearance of Palmer Hall, with about half of the windows open, is suggestive of summertime.

The practice of overheating the school is very harmful to students and faculty. Such a heat intensity is not conducive to concentration and retards mental activity, in addition to being uncomfortable. Also frequent and extreme changes in temperature brought about by overheating are unhealthful.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, has requested that all buildings be heated only to a Maximum of sixty-eight degrees, and it is anticipated that his request will become an order. Wasting fuel is unpatriotic and is in contradiction to the war effort.

Southwestern should comply with Mr. Byrnes' request immediately, whether forced to do so or not. Since the rooms are too hot anyway, surely a certain reduction in temperature will be welcomed by all. Moreover, even if the requested level is a little below that of absolute comfort, we at Southwestern should make such a trivial contribution to the war effort gladly.

**THE "GREAT CENTURIES"**

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of theology. The Aztecs reached their high degree of civilization through development of worship. The grand culture of the Egyptians was due to their theology. The experiences of the Greeks led to mythology, which led to philosophy and theology. Nearly all of the beautiful culture of the Greeks was religious in theme. Plato and Aristotle developed systems of theology which dominated nearly every phase of life for centuries. Mr. Osman compared theology to an ascending spiral through history. The spirals became more inclusive as they ascend. He said that theology has given civilization its noblest creations. During the Renaissance the great schism came into the human mind. John Calvin brought disintegration into culture because he left the new scientific thought out of his theology. Therefore culture is now made up of science and theology at odds with each other. Science is now in power. Professor Osman said that there must be a new theology, a new rational formulation of religious thought which includes modern scientific thought.

When Professor Osman finished, the floor was opened to questions. Sheets of paper which had been provided for questions were collected and distributed to the proper speakers. The answers clarified several statements made by the speakers. After the questions had been answered, one of the best discussions came to a close.

Last night the seventh symposium was held. The fifth century A.D. was studied under the topic, "The Fusion of the Christian and Classical Cultures." In the fifth century the Christian religion was combined with the classical culture of the Roman world to form a distinctly new culture. Last night we saw how this happened.

Professor Kinney, who conducted last Friday night's discussion, was again head speaker. His subject for last night was "The City of God and the Earthly Pilgrimage."

Dr. Kelso, Professor of Philosophy, spoke on "Augustine's Predestination Compared with Vergil's Fate." Professor Amacker, Professor of Political Science, lectured about the "Modification of the Concept of Roman Law."

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John Broderick, retiring  
editor of the Sou-wester  
leaves as his parting gift  
to the student body this  
space ——— for doodling.



THIS IS  
NATIONAL  
DOODLING  
WEEK

**Scholarship**

A \$50.00 Scholarship will be  
awarded to a junior or senior girl  
from Southwestern by the Memphis  
Branch of the American Association  
of University Women. Applications  
for the scholarship must be made by  
Jan. 12, 1945, and submitted to the  
Dean of Women's Office. The award  
is made on the basis of scholastic  
record, need, and intention to grad-  
uate. See Miss Gordon for applica-  
tion blanks immediately if you are  
interested.

**Choir Gives Recital**

The Southwestern Singers under  
the direction of Professor Tuthill  
will give a program of religious  
music at Grace-St. Luke Episcopal  
Church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21,  
at 4 o'clock. The program will con-  
sist of three groups of religious pieces  
by the choir and several organ se-  
lections.

**Southwestern Players**

A request for ideas concerning a  
school play is issued by the Players.  
Meeting for lunch in the Bell Room,  
January 12, the group discussed plans  
for its next play, deciding that it  
would be the last for this year.

**Bookstore Manager**

Mrs. King has replaced Mrs.  
Greenhile as operator of the Book-  
store. The former proprietor left be-  
fore the holidays for Clarksdale,  
Tenn. Miss Martin ran the Bookstore  
for a short time, but her other duties  
interfered. Student help is wanted.

Liberty has never come from gov-  
ernment. Liberty has always come  
from the subjects of it. The history  
of liberty is the history of resistance.  
The history of liberty in the history  
of limitations of governmental power,  
not the increase of it.

The blossoms cannot tell what be-  
comes of their odor, and no man can  
tell what becomes of his influence  
and example.

Work is the means of living, but  
it is not living.