
The No Copying Software— Gotta Be Honest at Nobles — Blues

I've got the no copying software—gotta be honest at Nobles—blues

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All I've got is my own good word to lose

In the middle ages, says Dr. B

Plagiarism was the place to be

But the times they are a changin says Bobby D

And we're moving into a new century

*Chorus: I've got the no copying software
—gotta be honest at Nobles—blues*

I've got the trying to bring Nobles, kicking and screaming, into the 90s blues

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So don't let us down...you can be honest if you choose

A sign just went up on the Wittenberg Door

It says I'm tired of hearing about this copying thing no more

So let's move on to other words we don't like

I've got them derogatory blues when I hear them faggot & dyke

*Chorus: I've got the no derogatory
—gotta be decent at Nobles—blues*

I should have taught at that other school

Where copying disks is considered cool

But, Bakes, he told me to take a risk

So I'm giving you my word, I won't copy that disk

In the fall of 1995 so far...we've had a few problems worse than ML Carr

People logging on with someone else's ID

Ask the parents-on-line — that's fraud, you see



*Chorus: I've got the Nobles Netiquette
—gotta be decent at Nobles—blues*

I've got the Nobles Netiquette—no flaming or spamming—blues

I've got the Nobles Netiquette—no pornography—blues
When I'm on line, I've got to watch them words I choose

I've got the no derogatory—gotta be decent at Nobles—blues

I've got the no derogatory—gotta be decent at Nobles—blues

All we've got is our own respect to lose

A little history back to 1994 and 1517

In the fall of 1994, we used the metaphor of Wittenberg and the 1517 reformation to highlight the need at Nobles for all of us to be more aware of honesty issues regarding copyrighted software. We posted the equivalent of Martin Luther's 95 theses on this door. We posted rules of online behavior, language usage and NoblesNetiquette on this door. We created N & G "computer licenses" with varying sets of privileges that require students to read and sign the rules posted on the 1994 Wittenberg Door as part of the procedure.



On Stage Annual Tradition

Because the issues of software piracy, online behavior and language never go away, we in the computer department have made it an annual tradition to perform the Gotta be Honest at Nobles song on stage. As part of this assembly performance, we attempt to highlight and update issues of honesty and online computer usage. With each phase of new technology at Nobles (file-server, e-mail, web access, internet access) the issues grow of course. We are extremely proud of how the Nobles community (students, faculty, trustees, parents) has responded to our overall tune, even though our musical performance remains a work in progress! The latest version of our Where's Bakes CD includes The Gotta Be Honest at Nobles Blues in addition to a "historical" tour of the Schoolhouse before renovation!



Update: 1997 to Y2K and beyond

Our AUP (**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**) published in full in The Guide states that behavior which is inconsistent with the Community Principles or the rules and regulations may result in reduction or loss of access privileges. Users are reminded that the hardware and software which comprise the academic computing network are the property of Noble and Greenough School, and that use of the school's network, and access to the Internet through that network, are **privileges**.

Internet Access Agreement via NoblesNet

NOTE: this agreement form boosts a student NoblesNet account to SEND internet e-mail; once completed and processed, the privileges stay in effect through graduation

- Step 1 print your name neatly... read and check each item ... sign ... a parent must read and sign; discuss any items with your parent that you think will be complicated/difficult to follow
 - Step 2 return this form to advisor (**or to your computer teacher**) for a signature.
 - Step 3 your completed form will stay with the computer department as part of your school records; your advisor will send a NoblesNet note to the 1994 Wittenberg Door conference stating that this blue form has been completed and requesting Internet access for you; there is now a new feature on NoblesNet under the FORM MENU that makes this very easy for your advisor; choose MESSAGE and then the NEW FORM called Internet Access/Advisee
 - Step 4 once the e-mail note has been sent to the 1994 Wittenberg Door, we will upgrade your NoblesNet account for Internet mail and newsgroups; if your name is Ichiro Suzuki, then your internet address will be Ichiro_Suzuki@nobles.edu for outsiders; if perhaps there are no other ichiros on NoblesNet, you can even get away with ichiro@nobles.edu or suzuki@nobles.edu
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- I have read the 10 computer license rules within the conference called 1994 Wittenberg Door posted on NoblesNet (also on the actual 1994 Wittenberg Door).
 - I understand that a popular extension of one of our community principles is that "Nobles aspires to be a community wherein differences are embraced and where people are able to express themselves freely." I have taken a look at the 1994 Wittenberg Doorway and know that I am free to post my own signed opinion, either on the actual door or on the NoblesNet conference called 1994 Wittenberg Door.
 - I understand that not all on-line conduct and behavior can be codified. I understand that it is important for me to be a responsible citizen of our NoblesNet on-line community.
 - I have read the pages in The Guide on Computer/Technology Use Policy , on Pirating of Copyright Material and the details of the AUP (acceptable use policy,.
 - I understand that I am not to use my NoblesNet account to send or forward pictures or text files with racist, sexist, anti-gay, anti-semitic, pornographic or obscene material; as stated in the Florida Institute of Technology Acceptable Use Policy, I understand that "I must use appropriate language, not swear, use vulgarities or other inappropriate language." I understand that I am expected to use the same standards of language when on NoblesNet and on-line that teachers expect students to use at morning assembly.
 - I understand that I am not to use my NoblesNet Account to send or forward any chain letters regardless of content (see AUP in The Guide).
 - I understand that I am not to give my password to anyone or let someone else use my account. I understand that I am not to use anyone else's account even if I have permission.
 - I understand that no illegal software is to be used on a Nobles computer, regardless of whether on a hard drive or an individual floppy disk. I understand that the community principle that states that "honesty is an essential value at Nobles; any form of dishonesty is unacceptable" underscores the issues of copyright laws and software piracy (see The Guide).
 - I understand that **no applications** (even if public domain or shareware) **are to be installed on any hard drive or file server without permission**; no such applications are to be sent on NoblesNet as attached files to myself or others (see AUP in The Guide). This means that Napster, for example, is not to be put onto any school-owned computer (in the lab or a loaner) unless explicit permission is given.
 - I understand that the computer department may choose to examine my NoblesNet mailbox if there is any reason to think I might be doing something improper (see AUP in The Guide).

Each of us signing below understands that violations of these computer license rules may result in loss of computer privileges and/or disciplinary actions.

PRINT names: _____
(student)

_____ (parent)

Signatures: _____
(student)

_____ (parent)