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To: Faculty, Staff, and Students:

The Honor and Discipline Committee reports to the College twice each year about the nature of the cases it has heard, the judgments it has made, and the penalties it has determined. This report covers the meetings of the Committee which reviewed cases that occurred through the end of Winter Study. Following this report is a report on disciplinary activity in the Dean's office.

Report of the Honor Committee

The Honor Committee consists of eight elected students, four faculty members, and the Dean of the College. Only students vote on questions of guilt or innocence and on recommendations to the Dean for penalties. Since September, the Honor Committee has heard the following cases.

Report of the Honor Committee for fall and winter study:

1. Two first year students were accused of cheating on an exam in class. The evidence inspired a difficult and lengthy debate by the Committee. The Committee's vote on the guilt of the students did not meet the required margin of three-quarters, therefore no action was taken by the Committee.
2. A senior was accused of consulting course material during an exam. The student's testimony and the evidence easily convinced the Committee that the student had not referred to course material during the exam and the student was found innocent.
3. A senior was accused of plagiarizing a paper from sources found on the Internet and presenting the work as their own. The student admitted to using the sources and was found guilty by the Committee. The Committee imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation for one year.
4. A sophomore and a first year were accused of cheating on a quiz. Given the evidence, the Committee concluded that one student had copied, unbeknownst to the other. However, given the evidence it was impossible to determine which student was the guilty party and the Committee was unable to render a decision.

Report of the Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee consists of all members of the Honor Committee plus four additional members of the faculty. All members of the Committee vote. There have been no discipline cases so far this year.



Respectfully submitted
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Dean's Office Action

For Fall 2004 and Winter Study of 2005, the following disciplinary actions were taken by the Dean's Office:

Two students were placed on disciplinary probation. One for inappropriate behavior resulting from intoxication and one for failing to meet the terms of a verbal warning resulting from inappropriate behavior.

Two students were suspended. One for improper use of College property without permission and one for improper use of College property without permission and destruction of College property.

The Security Department conducts initial discussions with students about underage drinking, marijuana smoking, and fire safety violations; these discussions are not a part of the students' disciplinary record. Since September there were 58 such discussions. In especially problematic cases, or in the case of repeated warnings, the student is referred to the Dean's Office. Since September there were no such referrals.