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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. A Junior was accused of plagiarizing sections of a paper from sources found on the Internet without citation and with little or no paraphrasing. The student admitted to using the sources without citation and was found guilty by the Committee. The Committee imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation for one year.
2. A Junior was accused of plagiarizing substantial sections of a paper from sources found on the Internet and presenting the work as their own. The student admitted to using the sources without citation and was found guilty by the Committee. The Committee imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation until graduation.
3. A Junior was accused of plagiarizing by submitting a paper without proper references and attribution. The student argued that a number of the sections in question were referenced, albeit poorly, indented, and constituted universal knowledge and so did not require detailed attribution. The Committee was sympathetic to some aspects of the students' argument, but still found that the work violated the Honor Code due to how egregiously incomplete and improper the references were. The Committee imposed a letter of Disciplinary Warning and required the student work with a member of the Writing Workshop to learn accepted standards of attribution.
4. A Junior was accused of plagiarizing sections of a paper from sources found on the Internet without citation and with little or no paraphrasing. The student admitted to using the sources without citation and was found guilty by the Committee. The Committee imposed failure in

the course and Disciplinary Probation until graduation. The Committee also required that the student meet with a member of the Writing Workshop.

5. A Senior was accused of submitting a paper that included sections of another students' work as part of a group project. The student admitted to the charge and described particular pressures associated with the assignment that clouded their judgment. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation until graduation.

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 2003 and Winter Study of 2004, the following disciplinary actions were taken by the Dean's Office:

Two students were placed on disciplinary probation resulting from a physical altercation.

Three students were placed on disciplinary probation resulting from inappropriate behavior toward other students and security officers while intoxicated.

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 94 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 two such referrals.