

Plagiarism Conviction Likely to Result in Suspension

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A student convicted of plagiarism in Student Court will probably receive one of the most severe sanctions, which can be imposed under the Code of Student Conduct.

The sanction will be either expulsion or suspension from the University.

In a court session Tuesday, members of the court and other officials connected with the court emphasized the importance of students being aware of the seriousness of the punishment they can receive for plagiarism.

Current student understanding, the court feels, seems to be that disciplinary probation, a much lighter sanction, is the common penalty for plagiarism.

Based on Past Sanctions

This understanding may stem from the fact that in the past two years the sanction for plagiarism has been disciplinary probation, with only one exception.

At the beginning of this year, however, the court adopted a policy which states in part that the sanction for plagiarism will "normally be expulsion or suspension unless there are mitigating circumstances."

The court upheld this policy in a lengthy hearing Tuesday by unanimously supporting its earlier decision to suspend a student for the coming winter term.

Appealed to Committee

The student, a social sophomore, but academic freshman, had appealed the court's previous decision to the Conduct Committee. The Conduct Committee, in view of the counsel's misunderstanding and consequent inadequate preparation at the time of the first hearing, requested that the court re-hear the case.

The primary question was not of guilt, but whether suspension

was too severe a sanction for plagiarism in this case. The defendant had already pleaded guilty to copying from a western civilization textbook on a paper for English composition.

The contention of counsel was that the defendant had already "learned his lesson."

Lesser Sanction Suggested

His argument was that suspension could not do any more to impress the defendant with the seriousness of his offense, nor any more to insure that he would not do it again, than a lesser sanction could. He also felt the best interests of the University by deterring more instances of plagiarism, would be served just as well by a lesser sanction as by

suspension.

Ledwidge brought several witnesses to the stand to testify to

the integrity of the defendant, and to express their opinion on the appropriateness of the sanc-

tion, in regard to the best interests of the defendant and the University.

ROTC Chooses Centuriannes

Seven University coeds have been selected for membership in Centuriannes, coed honorary for the University's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (Army ROTC) cadet brigade.

They are Nancy Adams, Janice Lunan, Lolly Tweed, Karen Hoyt, Candence Clark, Elizabeth Bishop, and Delia Marshall.

The Centuriannes were nominated by the cadets of the brigade, and interviewed and selected by Scabbard and Blade, senior military science honorary at the University.

This service and honorary group for the brigade and the University will have a total of 15 members, after seven more girls are selected for membership during winter term.

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