

# Racial slurs result in probation

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — A University of Mississippi committee Tuesday recommended probation for nine students in a fraternity prank that stranded two students naked and painted with racial slurs at a mostly black college.

The disciplinary committee recommended that the university's chancellor expel a 10th student and suspend four others.

Most of the students were pledges to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity Sept. 18, when two members of the fraternity's Ole Miss chapter were carried by car to Rust College, a small, private school 25 miles to the north. They were stripped naked, their hands and feet bound with duct tape and their bodies painted with such things as "KKK" and "We hate niggers."

The two, who are white, were picked up by

Rust security officers. The students facing disciplinary action also are white.

Ole Miss Chancellor Gerald Turner last week banned Beta Theta Pi from the school for three years and ordered the fraternity house closed.

Turner has final say on discipline against the students, whose names were not released. The students have until Friday to appeal. Turner will take no disciplinary action before Friday, a university spokesman said.

Turner said last week the incident had opened an old wound at Ole Miss, the scene of violence in 1962 when James Meredith enrolled as its first black student.

Fraternity members have remained silent about the incident.

# College deans believe in getting tough with sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — College presidents and deans say that pressure for success and financial rewards in sports interferes with the educational mission of America's schools, a poll released Tuesday showed.

U.S. News & World Report said 85.7 percent of college presidents and deans participating in the poll agreed that "the pressure for athletic success and for financial rewards in intercollegiate sports today has reached a level where it is interfering with the prime educational mission of America's colleges and universities."

About 10 percent disagreed and 4.1 percent had no opinion.

The poll was conducted more than four months ago, and just 60 percent of the 3,900 college officials contacted responded to the survey.

Other survey results:

- 95 percent said that high school graduates being recruited for a school's athletic team should be required to meet the same admissions standards as all other students, while 5 percent said the standards should be lower.
- 70.6 percent said athletes tend to be channeled into less academically demanding courses, 23.7 percent disagreed and 0.7 percent had no opinion.
- 75.1 percent felt the sale or distribution of illegal drugs on campus among athletes is about the same as it is among other students, 21.6 percent said it is lower among athletes and 3.3 percent said it is greater among athletes.
- 74.5 percent said that incidents of crime, violence and sexual attack were about the same among athletes as among other students, 10.7 percent said greater among athletes and 14.8 percent said lower among athletes.

# American support for abortion pill sought

By Malcolm Ritter  
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The developer of a pill that induces abortion said Tuesday his receiving a major medical award should help prospects for introducing the pill in the United States.

Legislators, judges and others will "consider that the opinion of such a prestigious (award) jury gives additional credibility to the use of such a compound," said Etienne-Emile Baulieu.

He also said he believes that Americans "who are confident in the progress of science with conscience ... will find ways to have it distributed here."

Although the pill is used in France, distribution in the United States and elsewhere has been prevented by Roussel-Uclaf, the French company that holds the patent on it, Baulieu said.

Baulieu last week won the prestigious Albert Lasker Clinical Medical Research Award.

The decision to prohibit U.S. distribution of the pill was made before Baulieu won the award and before recent data on the pill's performance be-

came available, Baulieu said in an interview.

The award may help persuade the French company to release the drug, and help promote public support for its use in the United States, which would be a key factor in its chance for distribution, he said.

Baulieu, a biochemistry professor at the University of Paris School of Medicine, spoke at an American Medical Association science writers conference.

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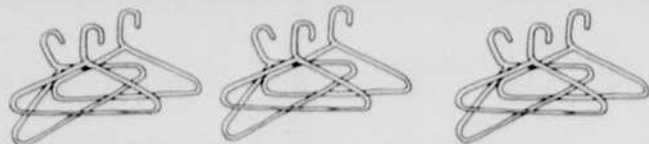
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