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Judicial Council

Miss Suzanne Crowell
Student Mail
Barnard College

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Dear Miss Crowell,

It was reported to me today by Dean Boorse that you attended on March 6 a Naval Science class without the permission of the instructor and declined to leave except when requested to do so by Dean Platt.

According to Judicial Council procedure I had met on March 8 with Dean Schmitter and a faculty member of the Council, in this instance Professor Woodbridge, to discuss a similar incident which had occurred on March 3 involving two other students. At that time we had information that you might have been involved in the March 6 incident, but as Dean Boorse had not yet spoken to you we could not be certain. We stipulated, however, that if Dean Boorse felt, after speaking to you, that the two incidents were essentially identical, and that if, as had been the case with the two other students, Dean Boorse was satisfied in his conversation with you that you would in the future obtain the permission of the instructor before attending his classes, we would follow the same procedure as we had for the first two students, namely, we would not recommend that the case be brought before the whole Council. Dean Boorse informed me today that this was indeed the situation. However I must inform you that if you repeat the infraction you will be brought to a hearing before the whole Council.

We wish to stress to you the importance of the rule regarding the auditing of classes. (see page 36 of the Bulletin of Columbia College for 1966-67.) It is expected of all students that they give the respect that is due to members of the faculty. Part of this respect includes the recognition that members of the faculty have the right to decide whether students not registered for their courses may attend their classes. I should like as well to refer you to a statement by Dean Truman in response to this incident:

If you have any criticisms of any part of the College curriculum, there are appropriate channels open to you through which you can express your views. You may, for example, submit such comments to me or through me to the President of the University. Intruding yourself into a classroom when you have not been given permission to visit is not an appropriate channel.

This letter is not a part of your permanent record, but a copy of it will be sent to the President of the College and another will remain in the Judicial Council files.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Emery
Chairman, Barnard Judicial Council

cc: President Park
Dean Schmitter
Dean Boorse
Professor Woodbridge
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