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University Tribunal

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June 16, 1995

Ms N.

Mississauga, Ontario

Dear Ms N.

At its hearing held on Wednesday, June 14, 1995, the Trial Division of the University Tribunal heard the following charge against you:

THAT on or about March 12, 1995 you did knowingly represent as your own the idea or expression of an idea or work of another in an academic work you submitted in GGR 389S contrary to Section B.I.1. (d) of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters.

In particular, in the spring term of 1995 you were a student in GGR 389S. On or about March 12, 1995 you submitted an essay in that course entitled "A Cry for Help: An In-Depth Look at the Everglades." That paper was substantially similar to a paper submitted by another student in the course, entitled "Thigh-Deep in the Sawgrass", which you possessed and used as the basis of your essay.

The jury accepted your guilty plea and unanimously agreed to impose the following sanctions:

- a grade of '0' in GGR 389S;
- suspension from the University for eighteen months;
- notation of the sanctions and the reasons for them to be recorded on your transcript for a period of five years;

and that

- the case be reported to the Vice-President and Provost for publication in the University newspapers.

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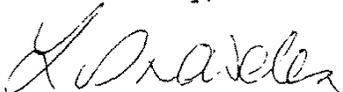
In giving its reasons, the spokesperson for the jury stated: "The jury agreed on the sanction of 'O' in the course, because the essay in question was worth a considerable amount, so that anything less than that would be inappropriate."

"On the eighteen month suspension, we all unanimously agreed because we feel that it would be long enough for the accused to reflect on the severity of the offence, and also would be a significant message to send to the University as well."

"We unanimously agreed, but not to a three-year notation (as recommended in the joint submission on penalty), but we agreed to a five-year notation on the transcript, the reason being that we feel it should be extended so it would stay on her transcript for a couple of years after she had graduated."

Information concerning rights of appeal may be found in Section C.III of the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*. The deadline for filing an appeal by you or by the University is July 14, 1995.

Yours truly,



Lynn Snowden  
Secretary,  
University Tribunal

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