Benzmenn/Discipline Committee of ITSA Issues Report on Findings, Recommendations

(The following is the complete, unaltered version of the report by the Benzmenn Discipline Committee for the ITSA Board of Control on Wednesday, May 22, 1968. This report is reprinted by the Board and will be forwarded to the proper administrative officials.)

Introduction
This Committee, authorised by the ITSA Board of Control to look into the matter of the Michael Benzmenn Case and the related question of disciplinary action in general, the Committee's primary goal was to formulate a more explicit statement of its purpose. The purpose of the purpose, which has been previously released, is as follows:

1. to determine the facts of the Michael Benzmenn Case.
2. to ascertain and study the Faculty Discipline Committee's hearings, findings, and decision of the Case.
3. to formulate and submit to the appropriate administrative body a recommendation concerning the Michael Benzmenn Case.
4. to study and make recommendations concerning the purpose, structure, operation, and effectiveness of present disciplinary procedures.
5. to study and make recommendations concerning the ITS rules of student conduct.

The subsequent activities of the Benzmenn Discipline Committee have involved:
- hearing eighteen hours of testimony involving twenty witnesses, including twenty incidents and subsequent events.
- reviewing and examining scores of documents related to the incident and subsequent events.
- deliberating over the evidence and arriving at a conclusion on matters directly related to the Michael Benzmenn Case.

Having completed consideration of the first three items of the above statement of purpose, the Committee now submits this first statement of its findings and recommendations concerning the Michael Benzmenn Case. At the pleasure of the ITSA Board of Control, this Committee is prepared to continue its consideration of the remaining two items in the future.

The Facts of the Michael Benzmenn Case
In hearing testimony on the Michael Benzmenn Case, the B D Committee was unable to obtain a clear picture of all of the events involved in the incident. While there is a lack of agreement among the witnesses concerning some of these events, the police statement is a record of the events agreed upon.

Late Sunday afternoon, March 24, 1968, Michael Benzmenn interrupted Officer Tinlde's question of two male Negro youths, approximately 15 years of age. Mr. Benzmenn, who had been playing football in the quadrangle area surrounded by the campus apartment buildings, proceeded to interject statements in a loud and noisy manner, interrupting the officers and causing the other students to ask whether anyone in the area was experiencing problems. After tolerating Mr. Benzmenn for a moment, the officer finally asked Mr. Benzmenn to identify himself. He refused, and shortly thereafter a Chicago Police officer arrived. Mr. Benzmenn was handcuffed by the Chicago Police officer and driven to the Twenty-ninth Street Station (21st District). When his ID card was examined, it was found that Mr. Benzmenn was arrested again for the fourth time during the events that followed; he did not do so. Mr. Benzmenn walked and ran away from Officer Tinlde after being apprehended.

Correction
My editorial comments following the letter of Mr. John J. Crown, printed in the May 17, 1968 issue of TECHNOLOGY NEWS, was not sent by Mr. Crown to TECHNOLOGY NEWS to publish his letter; however, the letter was printed with Mr. Crown's permission.

From Officer Tinlde's report, it was clear that the incident began when Mr. Benzmenn entered the campus at the point of entrance. Officer Tinlde confronted Mr. Benzmenn and asked him to identify himself. Mr. Benzmenn refused to do so, and Officer Tinlde then handcuffed him. Mr. Benzmenn then ran away from Officer Tinlde.

It is the opinion of the B D Committee that the Faculty Discipline Committee of the ITSA Board of Control acted reasonably and responsibly within the framework of its own rules and established procedures. This procedure is presented in the appendix to this report. In arriving at its decision, the Faculty Discipline Committee of the ITSA Board of Control, in deciding to impose the sanctions, considered the narrow list of possible remands, respectively,

Recommendation
In regard to the student disciplinary action, the recommendation of the following report is:

1. that Michael Benzmenn be placed on disciplinary probation for a period of one year.
2. that through consultation with the Dean of Students, Mr. Michael Benzmenn be assigned to work, during the period of probation, with an established group of students and community relations to provide constructive outlets for the achievement of his legitimate goals.

This report was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 2 against. Very respectfully submitted.

Thomas J. Brookman, Chairman

The faculty members are:

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Dr. John Thomas
Dr. Robert Benning
Dr. Aaron Sorkin
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This report is attached to the appendix for the B D Committee Report. This document is the Recommendations, Regarding the Administration and Judicial Framework for Disciplinary Cases.
Procedures of Discipline Committee — A Part of B/D Report

Appendix

To: Faculty Committee on Discipline

From: Chairman

Date: December 8, 1964

Subject: Recommendations Regarding the Administrative and Judicial Framework for Handling Major Student Discipline Cases

The outline of the existing procedures and proposed procedural changes concerning the administrative and judicial framework for handling major student discipline cases was established approximately 9 years ago. While it is recognized that no further clarification of the procedures might be possible at this time. Particular, for example, the provisions regarding appeals and the need for more formal and specific statement. Discussion of these matters involving changes in the Committee on Discipline. The recommendation that the Committee on Discipline be reorganized into a more specific form which recognizes the development that has taken place in the area of discipline. The recommendations provided for the Committee on Discipline. The Committee on Discipline proposes to the faculty the following report and recommendations. This report is being submitted, therefore, as the final report and recommendations for the Committee on Discipline for consideration.

Relationship Between the Dean of Students and the Student Committee on Discipline

In November of 1955 on the recommendation of the Committee on Discipline, the Committee on Discipline was reorganized into a more specific form which recognizes the development that has taken place in the area of discipline. The recommendation proposed for the Committee on Discipline. The Committee on Discipline proposes to the faculty the following report and recommendations. This report is being submitted, therefore, as the final report and recommendations for the Committee on Discipline for consideration.

Establishment of Committee Structure

With respect to the general role of the Dean of Students in the area of discipline, the President's announcement of the reorganization of the Committee on Discipline is an important part of this process. In the proposed structure, the Dean of Students is the key figure in the area of discipline. The Dean of Students is responsible for the recommendation that the Committee on Discipline be reorganized into a more specific form which recognizes the development that has taken place in the area of discipline. The recommendation proposed for the Committee on Discipline. The Committee on Discipline proposes to the faculty the following report and recommendations. This report is being submitted, therefore, as the final report and recommendations for the Committee on Discipline for consideration.

Sales and Distribution of 'Integrals' To Be Handled by Mail Summer

The editorial staff of Integral, at its annual meeting, decided to change the name of the magazine to Integral 1964. The action was taken when the minutes were read at the annual meeting of Integral, the form and character of our present student population, recent experience in maintaining behavioral standards, and past experience and current administrative realities. A number of the recommendations were merely a restatement of existing practice.

Recommended Case Administration Procedure

A. Categories of Cases Referred to Committee

1. Violations of the Dean's Honor Scholarship Fund
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3. Violations of the Dean's Honor Scholarship Fund
4. Violations of the Dean's Honor Scholarship Fund
5. Violations of the Dean's Honor Scholarship Fund

B. Recommendations for Review by the Committee

1. All cases involving serious misconduct by students and which require special attention by the Committee on Discipline are referred to the Committee for review and recommendation.
2. The Committee on Discipline is responsible for the preparation of the cases for presentation to the Court.
3. The Committee on Discipline will prepare a written report of the cases submitted to it for review and recommendation.

C. Investigation of the Cases

1. The investigation of the cases will be handled by the Committee on Discipline. The investigation will be conducted in a professional manner and will be consistent with accepted procedures for handling disciplinary cases.
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D. Notification of Defendants

Formal notification of the student will include the following:

1. The student will be informed of the charges against him in writing by the Dean of Students.
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E. Administration of Committee Decisions

1. The Dean of Students will receive from the Committee on Discipline a copy of the letter informing the student of the Committee's decision. The letter will be retained in the permanent record of the Office of the Dean of Students. The letter will be forwarded to the student's permanent record in the Office of the Dean of Students.
2. The Dean of Students will provide the information to the students in a timely manner for the latter's consideration. The information will be provided to the student's permanent record in the Office of the Dean of Students.
3. The recommendation will assume a reasonable policy for handling disciplinary cases which will be consistent with the recommendations of the Committee on Discipline.
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Concluding Remarks

In any opinion regarding the maintenance of consistent standards in the area or discipline, it is necessary to be consistent in the structuring and functioning of the present arrangements in the area of discipline. Thus, for the most part, the recommendations which have been made can be translated into more formalized terms and consistent usage. The procedures for handling disciplinary cases.

In particular, the recommendation that the Committee on Discipline be reorganized into a more specific form which recognizes the development that has taken place in the area of discipline.

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