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November 12, 2002

Ms. Shaniqua N. Bizzell  
Room 205-B TOS Women's Residence  
Shaw University  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

RE: Disruptive behavior and abetting the character defamation of University Officials

Dear Ms. Bizzell:

On Friday 8 November 2002 and again on Monday 11 November in the Gary Student Center, you engaged in the activity of disseminating defamatory literature that made untrue statements about the university and key administrators, thereby causing damage to the reputation of those falsely exposed to the scurrilous accusations, and creating an unstable and disruptive element in the university's fabric of academic integrity and general expression of its mission.

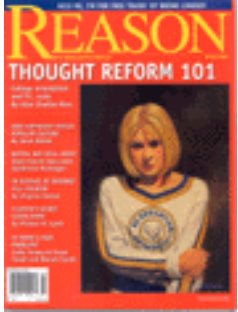
Though your actions of verbally reading the unsigned-false allegations in public and later copying and distributing said document were misguided and supported by your belief in your unfettered Constitutional First Amendment Right of free speech, you apparently did not consider that the right to free speech, is not absolute and must be restrained in the context of possible harm to the target of said speech, for instance, you can't yell "Fire" in a crowded theater and claim first amendment privileges. In fact, Ms. Bizzell, no freedoms are absolute, for an individual's freedom only extends to the point that it infringes upon, or harms another.

Therefore, Ms. Bizzell, in that you have indeed breached university conduct in this incident, you are subject to suspension or dismissal



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for your actions. However, since you are a graduating senior (December 02) with a previous clean record, your sanction is mitigated and reduced to eviction from university housing and limited activities on campus for the remainder of this Fall 2002 semester. You must move out of housing by 15 November 02, 7 days from the initial infraction.



Read *Thought Reform 101* by Alan Charles Kors.

Sincerely,

Vaughan Witten, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Student Affairs



Read *Memo to Free Speech Advocates University of Wisconsin-Madison* by Harvey A. Silverglate.

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