

Honor Board Academic Abstract**Case # 0302**

Nancy was a first semester senior taking a 300-level Spanish course. The course required a 20-page final paper, five pages of which had to be submitted as a graded draft. Nancy, during the stress of finals week and under stress from her personal life, left her draft until last. The day before it was due she began searching the internet for information. Nancy then copied from websites about a topic she wished to mould into her own when she had time to write the whole paper. Upon reading her draft, her professor noticed that portions of it were lifted directly from a website without any attribution. Disappointed that the student had not sought her help or considered other options for her draft (i.e. an extension), the Professor asked Nancy to turn herself in.

When Nancy came before the Board, it was discovered that she had come before the Honor Board once before on a similar charge. Given the circumstances of her personal life, but also considering the fact that the student was a senior with ample knowledge of Bryn Mawr and the Honor Code, the Board decided that the student would fail the course. Additionally, the student had the choice to separate herself from the college from one semester (in order to get her personal life in order and consider the consequences of her actions), or remain at the college and take a load of no more than 3 courses. In either case, her graduation was delayed at least one semester.