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The Campus Judicial Panel has unanimously recommended three quarter suspensions, starting Spring Quarter, for four Stanford students who disrupted intervews at the Career Planning and Placement Center last November.

The students are: Don Lee, a senior political science major from Austin, Tex.; Stephen W. Downey, a sophomore from Sacramento; Peter R. Knutson, a sophomore political science major from Everett, Wash.; and Paul Loeb, a sophomore from Los Angeles. Lee and Downey are supporters of Venceremos, while Knutson and Loeb are active in the Young Crows, an anti-war research group.

In a 20-page opinion, the panel stated that "recruiting is a kind of speech." The student whose interview with TRW was disrupted had testified he wanted to discuss the company's involvement in Vietnam and "only if he were satisfied [on this] would he consider employment," the opinion added.

"The defendants have chosen to impose their morality on other students. They were free to use persuasion, such as peaceful picketing, and to inform the community of what they felt to be the immorality of the recruiting activity; they could telephone prospective interviewees and attempt to talk them into not appearing for their interview.

"They did not, however, stop at that. They decided that they had the right to prevent other students from doing what those students felt was right.

"Moreover, in this case, all the student was doing was trying to find things out for himself. In a University, which values free expression and access to information, actions aimed at preventing this are especially intolerable."

In considering the sanction recommended to University President Richard W. Lyman, the panel noted that "rather than express remorse for their activities, [the defendants] are quite proud of them. It seems "fairly clear" that the likelihood of similar misconduct by the same students remains "high," the panel added.

If approved, the nine-month suspensions would start late this month.

Hearings in the case were marked by repeated demonstrations against the CJP. Tires on a car owned by hearing officer Lillian Altree, University of Santa Clara law professor, were slashed on campus and its gasoline tank sugared in her garage.

Unknown vandals caused more than \$1000 damage in breaking windows at the Meyer Library Forum Room and in spreading paint and dog feces in the Graduate School of Business Room 83, two hearing rooms for the case.

The CJP includes three faculty chosen by the Committee on Committees and three students chosen by a random selection process. Panel members are Profs. Richard Brody, political science; David Nivison, chairman of philosophy; and Robert L. White, chairman of materials science; and students Charles E. Stiver, law; Victor Vilaplana, law; Whitney M. Evans, freshman, sitting only in the case of Downey and Loeb; and Terrance Pape, sitting only in the case of Lee and Knutson.

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