

## **HONOR SOCIETIES GRADUATION CORDS:**

**Council of Deans  
Minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 1999**

University Registrar Ann Trost joined the Council to discuss whether departmental honors societies should be allowed to wear their cords for graduation. The Council recommended that the honor societies should be allowed to wear the chords; however the program will not identify the cords. As a compromise, the program could note that students can choose to wear cords from departmental honors societies.

## **WEARING OF STOLES DURING GRADUATION CEREMONIES:**

**Council of Deans  
Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2004**

1. The Council discussed the request from a student representative of Alpha Phi Omega regarding wearing of stoles during graduation ceremonies. The Council reiterated that the University does not allow any ornamentation except for academic honors.

In the case of academic honors beyond the ones recognized by the University in the graduation program, the University encourages the use of pins as the appropriate ornamentation.

Every effort should be made to preserve the dignity of the occasion, which will be marred by introduction of too many individual kinds of ornamentation. While the Council has approved the use of cords for academic honors, it does not approve of the use of a stole.