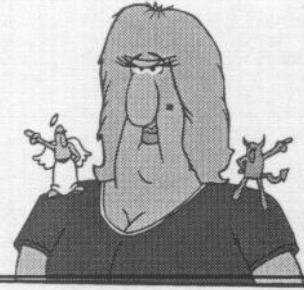




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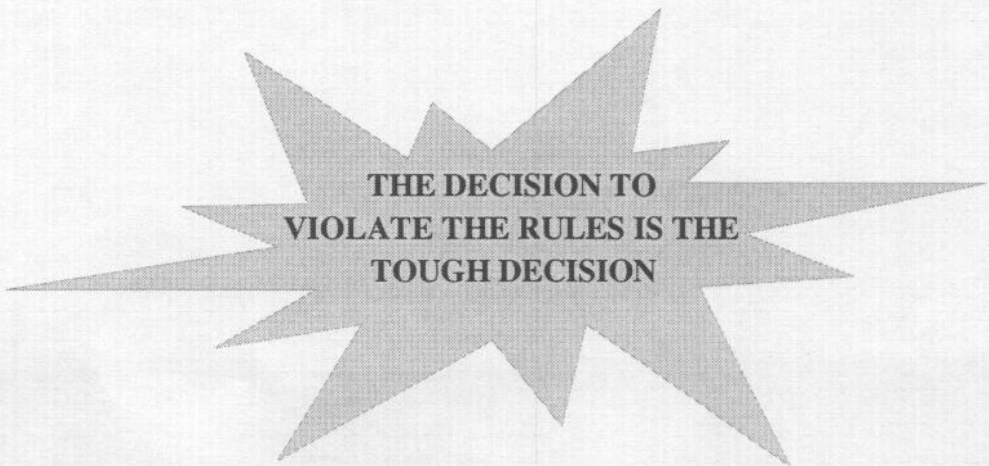

*“It was one of the
toughest decisions I have
ever had to make!”*



Too often we hear the above comment from a school official following an incident resulting in disciplinary action against a student. This is especially true when it has been necessary to suspend a student from participation in school activities because the student violated one of the rules relating to the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Now is the time to set the record straight — it is a mistake for a school official to assume that his/her action to suspend a student for violation of the rules was a tough decision.

The truth is that the student is the person who made the tough decision. The student knows the rule — knows the penalty for violation of the rule — and knows the penalty for the violation cannot be waived. Therefore, when a student makes a decision to violate the rules — that student has already agreed with himself or herself that he/she is willing to accept the penalty as prescribed. It is at that moment that the tough decision is made.



**THE DECISION TO
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