

Conduct code released by Dr. Brandt

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By Judy Feathers

A temporary code of conduct for students, to be in effect for one year, has been drawn up by four administrators to replace the less specific code now in effect.

The code, written prior to the opening of school, was drafted by Dr. Richard I. Wilson, vice president of Undergraduate Student Affairs, from the present code, Dr. Alfred Matthews, dean of Student Life, Dr. Francis Brooke, vice president of the Academic Division, and Dr. Warren W. Brandt, president of the University. This interim code will serve the University until the fall of 1971, when a final code will be adopted.

An Ad-Hoc committee, which

will draft the final code, will be established under the chairmanship of Dr. Thomas O. Hall, chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Membership of the committee will include students, faculty, staff and administration representatives. They will be appointed by Dr. Walter Lawrence, chairman of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Wilson and Dr. Brandt. The committee will include the student governments of both campuses, and the Faculty Senate. The committee proposal will then go to the Council on Faculty Affairs and the Council on Undergraduate Student Affairs before being sent to the University Assembly and then to the Board of Visitors.

The document was completed this summer after some 200 hours of work, Dr. Wilson said. He said that

due to limited time, no attempt was made to seek outside aid, and that he had drawn up the code with the aid of Dr. Brandt, Dr. Matthews, and Dr. Brooke. The coming year will allow time for suggestions from interested parties, Dr. Wilson said.

The four advocated a more concise wording of the rules in order to protect the legal rights of the students, faculty, or administration.

One of the new provisions in the code states that: "These rules shall govern the conduct of students, faculty, administrators, and other staff, licensees, invitees, and all other persons, whether or not their presence is authorized on the VCU campus..." whereas the present code pertains only to students. These violators will be subject to disciplinary action by the administrative department with

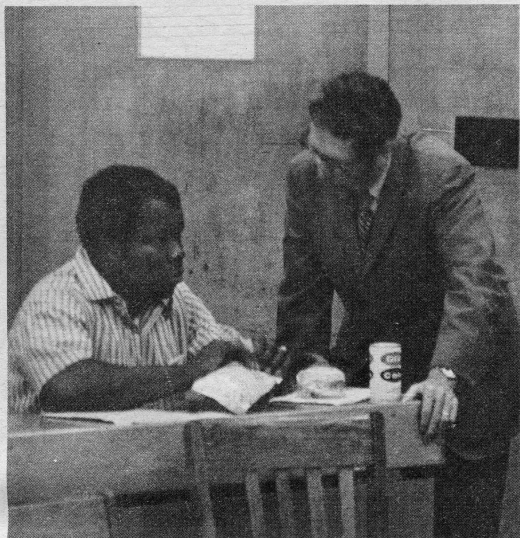
which they are associated, and by different penalties. For instance, a trespasser will be subject to ejection from the campus, an administrator would be subject to dismissal or lesser action, and a student would be subject to expulsion, suspension, probation or censure.

If the violator is an administrator or vice president, the Council on Faculty Affairs will make recommendations to the appropriate vice president in the case of an administrator and to the President if the violator is a vice president.

A student will be notified of any violations before an investigation is made by a member of the staff of the Dean of Student Life. If there is justifiable reason, the student will receive a written notification of charges. The notice will include a

statement of rights including: the right to be accompanied by an advisor other than legal council; the right to hear all evidence and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present witnesses; the right to receive written notice of the dean's decision; the right of access to all records of the hearing; and the opportunity to appeal the dean's decision.

An open hearing, which can be closed by request; will be held by the dean of Student Life within 10 days of the date of notice of violation. A penalty if imposed, may be appealed to a University Hearing Board. The board consists of five faculty members appointed by Dr. Brandt; five students, three appointed by West campus SGA President Jim Elam and two by East campus student president David Love; and a faculty advisor.



Dr. H.I. Willett talks with SGA President Jim Elam

Consultant addressed the Student Congress on 'University Week'

Budget revision pushed by House

Wrangling over financial matters marked a session of the SGA House of Representatives Monday night. The session also dealt with internal House affairs and the seating of three new representatives.

Because President Jim Elam vetoed the SGA budget passed last spring, the House decided to ask him to present it with alternative proposals within two weeks.

A motion by Sue Francisco to override Elam's veto was defeated. Sue, during debate, said that the original budget is "good enough...Let's get this over with and take some action on it."

Kevin Dunne pointed out that the House had extensively revised the budget presented by the budget committee, on which he had served. "The function of a budget is control," he said. "I don't think we have any control. There's no rhyme or reason to this budget."

SGA Treasurer Emery Hite, in response to a question, admitted that the financial record books from last year's SGA administration "are in a bit of a mess." He declined to comment on alleged misappropriations of funds until an investigation is completed.

President Elam announced the appointment of Gary Hickson as communications representative and said that Hickson has begun his work by producing posters bearing Elam's photograph that ask for student support.

The treasurer was asked how the posters are being paid for, if the SGA officially has no money appropriated.

Elam replied that the item was covered in the funds for freshmen orientation, and that if it were not retroactively approved, he had "other means to pay."

Representative Stuart Bell moved that the athletic department be required to submit an account to its expenditure of money given it by the SGA. The motion was passed.

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Student vote will determine visitation acceptance question

Dormitory visitation is tentatively scheduled to begin Oct. 10. Residents voted Monday night to determine how many students are in favor of the proposals allowing members of the opposite sex to visit each other in dormitory rooms during designated hours.

The maximum hours for visitation are: Monday-Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, noon to 1 a.m.; and Sunday: noon to 10 p.m.

The hours were decided upon by students of both east and west campuses, with minor revisions added by the University Assembly and the Board of Visitors.

Dennis Baugh, president of men's Interform government, explained that students not desiring visitation probably will be moved to floors in their dormitory where visitation will not be allowed.

Therefore, new room accom-

modations must be made, local options must be decided on each floor, new dorm officers will be elected and general reorganization will be necessary.

Some floors will be set aside for weekend visitation only, and these will also be decided upon accordingly.

The idea for incorporating visitation at VCU was conceived after representatives from men's and women's Interform attended a subregional meeting of the North Atlantic Association of Colleges and Universities' Resident Halls at Rutgers University last October. There, the representatives learned that other schools already had begun visitation.

Many students began discussing the possibilities, and guidelines were established.

To provide management for visitation, a Visitation Review Board, under the supervision of the assistant dean of student services

need. Her remarks were followed by applause from other members.

In his presentation, Dr. Willett said the urban university should provide "the counsel of experts" to help solve urban problems, but not solve them itself. He said that it could act as a "catalyst...interested and concerned in bringing about change."

Dr. Willett said that there is "very little real evidence of a model to go by." Because the idea of an urban university is so new, the university must remain an "evolving institution."

Opposition to the event centered around Dr. Brandt's inauguration. Rep. Sue Francisco called it an "ego-trip for Brandt," and commented that the idea of University Week would probably not have met with such opposition if it had not been connected with the inauguration.

A part-time student observing the session urged that the "animosity

towards Mr. [sic] Brandt" not be allowed to ruin an opportunity to inform the public about the role of the university in the city.

Several students voiced disappointment not only that Dr. Brandt was being inaugurated, but that he was president at all.

Some members expressed doubt that their criticism would be considered.

Speaker of the House Butch Jenkins is one of two student members of the steering committee.

Later in the session Jenkins said, "This is not a flunky committee of President Brandt's," and noted that the committee had already "torn up the plans three times." Both he and Dr. Willett repeatedly asked for "constructive" suggestions, but none were offered.

Dr. Willett also emphasized that students would be needed to serve as guides for the 200 to 300 invited guests, to man information booths and help run parts of the project.

Since many students objected to the \$17,000 price tag, Dr. Willett explained that the foundations of the Medical College of Virginia and the Richmond Professional Institute provided \$5,000 each. The additional \$7,000 may come from the auxiliary enterprise money, which is obtained from the bookstore, snack bar, management center and other money-making enterprises. No decision has been made whether to use these funds.

Although some students objected to the expense, others pointed out it would be well spent on "promotion" for the university, since the program is expected to gain nationwide attention.

A motion to "deny student support" to the program was tabled. However, a motion by Rep. Racker stating that SGA President Jim Elam appoint a committee to suggest substitute plans for the inauguration was passed.

The president pro-tem of the Senate, Larry Murphy told reporters afterwards that the meeting was actually one person short of a quorum and was therefore illegal and its one motion unofficial.

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Proposed inaugural costs opposed at joint session

Our new code

What is being called a temporary code of conduct for students was released yesterday by the administration. The temporary code will be in effect, not a couple of months, but until fall of 1971.

This code, which we are expected to live with for a year, was drafted by four administrators with no student assistance. An Ad-Hoc Committee, which will draft the final code, will include students, faculty, staff and administrators.

But until the new code is completed we will come under the regulations of the temporary one.

One important aspect of this code is its application to all who are present on the VCU campus. In other words, this is truly a University code rather than a student code. Faculty, administrators, and other staff are included, along with all other persons, "whether or not their presence is authorized on the VCU campus." This is good in that it offers protection for the rights of all concerned, not just students.

If charges are brought against a student for violation of the code, the Dean of Student Life is to conduct a hearing within ten days from the date of notice to the student. The student has the right to appeal the decision of the Dean to a University Hearing Board.

Here's where things start to look pretty dim.

The code states that "This University-wide Board shall consist of five faculty members, five student members, plus a faculty chairman. All faculty members of the Board shall be appointed by the University President. The President of the Student Government Association West shall appoint three and the President of the Student Council, East, shall appoint two of the student members of the Board."

It would seem more in keeping with a system of checks and balances for the Hearing Board members to be appointed or at least their appointments approved by other than the executive heads.

Too much power is being thrust into the hands of these executive officers. To help insure a fair hearing for the student who has been placed in jeopardy, another method for selection of the Hearing Board should be devised.



Cartoon by Clark Barrett

As a service to students, the Commonwealth Times runs classified ads each week in the Friday issue.

Ads for students cost 75 cents for the first 15 words, 5 cents for each additional word. Transportation and lost and found ads are free.

To place an ad, contact Becki Goulder at 770-7327.

Double trouble

Attending the joint session of the Student Government Association Monday night must have been a jolting experience for Dr. H. I. Willett, consultant on urban affairs at VCU.

To those familiar with the SGA, it was just another run-of-the-mill, disorganized, disruptive and just plain disgusting meeting.

Someone once said that screaming accomplished nothing but noise. Maybe someone should tell SGA members that, if they would quiet down long enough to listen.

Shayne Racker's comment about the proposed "University Week" being a "three-ring circus" seemed particularly ironic, in view of the way the SGA joint session was being conducted.

We will never get administrators to listen to our ideas and incorporate them into the university's programs if we don't first illustrate that we are capable of operating our student government in a productive manner.

Volunteer tutors are sought

To: ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS

FROM: Vincent F. Wright, Assistant Dean for Students Affairs

SUBJECT: Tutorial Program in Richmond Public Schools

We are scheduling an evaluation/ orientation meeting for September 30th, 1970, in Hibbs 403 at 3:00 p.m. At this meeting we will discuss results of last year's program and our goals for this year's.

Although last year one hundred Virginia Commonwealth University students were volunteer tutors, we fell short of the projected goal, 157. Those 157 children were not provided with the tutoring help they needed. It seems that in a University of 13,000 we can find more students willing to participate in such a worthwhile venture.

Please come to the meeting on September 30th and bring a friend. Attendance does not automatically make you a tutor - come if you're merely curious. Hope to see you there.

Ever been Hoo Hah-ed?

It looks like the big Hoo Hah of the week is on WLEE news.

In the Friday, September 18, issue of the Commonwealth Times, there appeared on our editorial page a satirical piece called "In Pursuit of Hoo Hah" by one of our staff writers, Miss Lou Skinner. It was written as a column we began this year, "Things could be worse."

The column began: "The VCU police department has issued an all points bulletin for the capture of the phantom 'Hoo Hah' artist. Sargeant Joe Friday said in an interview last night, 'Unfortunately, we have no description of the notorious doodler...' and continued "Until the case is cleared, it will be unlawful for art majors to conceal any drawing or painting materials. All utensils must be openly displayed when walking to and from classes."

Our newspaper staff thought it was a clever piece of writing and hoped it perhaps would

interest those around campus who complain there is nothing entertaining in our paper.

But, alas, we find that VCU and the surrounding community is not entirely ready for the elevated humor of satire.

We discovered this when WLEE aired a taped portion of the column as part of its news broadcast. WLEE, we found out via a phone call to the station, had gotten the "story" from a disc jockey at the campus radio station, WJRB. This disc jockey told us he had read the "Hoo Hah" column to a WLEE broadcaster, who had taped it, and a part of it made the news.

Yes, the disc jockey at WJRB said in answer to our question, he took it seriously. WLEE told us they took it seriously.

We wonder how many others missed the satirical intent of the column. Well, even Art Buchwald (Art who?) is probably misunderstood.

Letters to the editor should be typed, double-spaced and signed with student's name, major and hometown. Letters from all readers are welcomed.

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Text of letters, revised code of conduct

Following is the text of statements by Dr. Warren W. Brandt, president, to the University community and to the Board of Visitors and the text of the VCU Interim Rules and Procedures for Academic Year 1970-71: Members of the University Community:

The national attention given to campus unrest last year has resulted in a number of environmental changes. One of the most frequent has been reexamination of institutional rules regarding conduct and disciplinary procedures. The Honorable Andrew Miller, Attorney General, held a meeting for campus administrators early in the summer to provide advice concerning the legal aspects of such statements. Other groups of state legislators and officials have held meetings in which the legal adequacy of campus rules has been questioned.

At VCU we are without a statement of rules on the East campus. The rules for the West campus were written by the Student Life Committee during a year-long effort, some three years ago. At that time the statement was considered legally adequate. Intervening case law has rendered the statement as published in the *Signtpost* to be inadequate from a legal basis.

The adequate formulation of campus rules involves many groups and, as indicated above, a considerable amount of time. The University of Oregon set something of a record by taking three years in the development of their statement.

As a result we have endeavored to rewrite temporarily the existing West campus statement in a form more acceptable from a legal standpoint and applicable to both campuses. We have attempted to change as little as possible, because of the limited input we have obtained from the Board. We are reluctantly asking the Board of Visitors to adopt our interim statement at its meeting next week until a more permanent set of rules and procedures can be prepared by the appropriate involvement of all elements of the University community. We believe that the statement guarantees the rights of the accused much more effectively.

To this end we are establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures under the chairmanship of Dr. Thomas O. Hall, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. The membership will be appointed by Dr. Walter Lawrence, Chairman of the Council on Faculty Affairs, Dr. Richard I. Wilson, Chairman of the Council on Undergraduate Student Affairs, and myself. It will include faculty, staff, students, and administrative representatives. The Committee will involve the two Student Governments, the Faculty Senate, and other interested groups and individuals from all parts of the University community in providing input toward the preparation of a more permanent statement. The Committee's proposal will go to the Council on Faculty Affairs and the Council on Undergraduate Student Affairs for their approval prior to consideration by the University Assembly and the Board of Visitors.

The proposed interim statement applies to all members of the University community. Extensive consultation with legal advisors and examination of histories and statements from other universities have pointed out the justness of a set of rules which apply uniformly to all.

I regret not beginning this process a year ago so that an interim action would not be necessary at this time. However, the conduct of students, faculty, and administration and staff throughout last year leads me to believe that we will have little actual utilization of the interim statement.

We would appreciate very much your reactions to this statement. If you will address your suggestions to Dr. Hall, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, they will provide an excellent beginning to this important task of writing a more permanent statement.

Warren W. Brandt
President

The Board of Visitors
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond Virginia 23220

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

At least one unified message comes from all sources having interest in American colleges and universities. These sources include the national associations of students, faculty, and administrators as well as the courts and the executive and legislative branches of state governments and the federal government. The message is that rules and regulations governing the maintenance of public order must be clearly and explicitly stated by the University and that such rules and procedures must fair and provide due process as well as order. Rules that do this will benefit the entire University community.

An administrative and legal review of the existing regulations at VCU has led to the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. That the existing rules and procedures are far to vague either
 - a. to communicate clearly,
 - b. to guarantee due process, or
 - c. to fulfill legal requirements as set by recent court cases
2. That the new rules and procedures should be developed within the following context
 - a. with the understanding and appreciation that VCU has not experienced irresponsible and disruptive behavior in the past.
 - b. with the understanding that there is no clear evidence that the development of specific rules will serve as a deterrent to disruptive behavior, expectations to the contrary notwithstanding.
 - c. with the understanding that a permanent set of rules and procedures - although the primary responsibility of the Board of Visitors, the President, and the administration - must also involve serious and meaningful participation by all components of the University community.
 - d. with the understanding that the sole purpose for the development of more specific rules and procedures is to provide fairness and due process and order for the VCU community and its guests, that no abridgment of the rights and freedoms of any group is intended or shall be tolerated, and that a statement to this effect should be included in the foreword to the new rules and procedures.
 - e. with the understanding that meaningful and careful study by members of the entire University community requires time, but that the recommendations of students, faculty and others will be obtained during the fall and winter of the academic year 1970-71 and that the proposed statement could come to the Board of Visitors no later than the next spring for implementation no later than the fall of 1971.
 - f. with the understanding that, since the present rules and procedures are inadequate and since the new rules and procedures may not go into effect until the fall of 1971, the administration should prepare a set of interim rules and procedures immediately to serve until the permanent rules are accepted by the Board of Visitors. Such a set of interim rules and procedures is attached.

Sincerely,
Warren W. Brandt
President

VCU Interim Rules and Procedures for the Academic Year 1970-71

RULES

I. Introduction

The following rules and procedures are designed to serve until new rules and procedures are adopted by the fall of 1971. Nothing herein is intended nor shall it be construed to limit or restrict the freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of a higher educational institution. These rules shall not be construed to prevent or limit commu-

nication between and among faculty, students, and administration. Their purpose is not to prevent or restrain controversy and dissent but to prevent abuse of the rights of others and to maintain that public order appropriate to a University campus without which there can be no intellectual freedom. These rules and procedures shall be interpreted and applied to that end.

II. Application

These rules shall govern the conduct of students, faculty, administrators, and other staff, licensees, invitees, and all other persons, whether or not their presence is authorized on the VCU campus and also upon or with respect to any other premises or property under the control of VCU used in its teaching, its research, or its administrative, service-connected cultural, recreational, athletic, and other programs and activities.

III. Prohibited Conduct

No person, either singly or in concert with others, shall:

- a) willfully cause physical injury to any other person, or threaten to do so for any purpose.
- b) physically detain or restrain any other person, or remove such person from any place where he is authorized to remain.
- c) willfully destroy or damage property of the institution or under its jurisdiction, or remove or use such property without authorization.
- d) without permission, expressed or implied, enter into any private office of an administrative officer, member of the faculty, or staff member, or student room.
- e) enter upon or remain in any building or facility for any purpose other than its authorized uses and in such manner as to obstruct its authorized use by others.
- f) without authorization, remain in any building or facility after it is closed.
- g) refuse to leave any building, facility, or areas after being required to do so by an authorized administrative officer or faculty member.
- h) obstruct the free movement of persons and vehicles in any place to which these rules apply.
- i) disrupt or prevent the peaceful and orderly conduct of classes, lectures, and meetings or University functions and interfere with the lawful freedom of any person to express his views, including those of invited speakers.
- j) have in his possession upon any premises to which these rules apply any dangerous chemicals not used by him for University studies, rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, or other firearm or weapon without the written authorization of the chief administrative officer whether or not a license to possess the same has been issued to such person.
- k) willfully incite others to commit any of the acts which have been herein prohibited with specific intent to encourage them to do so.
- l) willfully violate any University rule or regulation issued pursuant to an authorized University function.
- m) illegally use, possess, distribute drugs or narcotics.
- n) falsify or forge official University records.

Statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as city codes and national laws, apply on campus of the University. Conduct which violates such statutes, codes and laws and which also create danger to members of the University community, damages or destroys University property, or obstructs or impairs University activities, will be subject to University discipline.

IV. Freedom of Speech and Assembly, Picketing and Demonstrations

No student, faculty, or staff member or authorized visitor shall be subject to any limitation or penalty solely for the lawful expression of his views or for having assembled with others for such purpose. Peaceful picketing and other orderly demonstrations in public areas

or grounds and buildings will not be interfered with. Those involved in picketing and demonstrations may not, however, engage in specific conduct in violation of the provisions of the preceding section.

PROCEDURES

I. Penalties

All violators are subject to restitution defined as reimbursement to the University for damages to or misappropriation of property. This may take the form of appropriate service or other compensation. Additionally a person who shall violate any of the provisions of these rules shall

- A. If he is a licensee or invitee, have his authorization to remain upon the campus or other property withdrawn and shall be directed to leave the premises. In the event of his failure or refusal to do so, he shall become a trespasser and be subject to ejection.
- B. If he is a trespasser or visitor without specific license or invitation, be subject to ejection.
- C. If he is a faculty member, be subject to dismissal or termination of his appointment or such lesser disciplinary action as the facts may warrant.
- D. If he is a classified staff member, be subject to the penalties described in the statutes and regulations governing the employment of classified staff members.
- E. If he is an administrator, be subject to dismissal or lesser disciplinary measures as the facts may warrant.
- F. If he is a student, be subject to expulsion or such lesser disciplinary measures as the facts of the case may warrant, including suspension, probation and censure.

These penalties are defined as follows:

Expulsion - a permanent separation of the student from the University

Suspension - the temporary separation of the student from the University for a defined period of time

Probation - this action will be given for a stated period of time. A student's further misconduct during his period of probation may lead to the penalty of suspension or expulsion. A student on probation may remain at the University only upon the condition that he comply with regulations and standards of the institution and with such other measures as may be imposed as a condition of his probation.

Censure - Censure is an official verbal or written reprimand or warning given to a student indicating that the University does not approve of the conduct and that a continuance of such conduct could result in more serious disciplinary action.

II. PROCEDURE

a. The chief administrative officer or his designee shall inform any licensee or invitee who shall violate any provisions of the rules that his license or invitation is withdrawn and shall direct him to leave the campus or property of the institution. In the event of his failure or refusal to do so, such officer shall cause his ejection from such campus or property. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect a person's liability to prosecution for trespassing or loitering as described in the penal law.

b. In the case of any other violator, who is neither a student, faculty member, administrator, nor classified employee, the chief administrative officer or his designee shall inform him that he is not authorized to remain on the campus or other property of the institution and direct him to leave such premises. In the event of his failure to do so, such officer shall cause his ejection from such campus or property. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize the presence of any such person at any time prior to such violation or to

affect his liability to prosecution for trespassing or loitering as described in the penal law.

c. In the event that charges are brought against a member of the faculty, in consultation with the Council on Faculty Affairs the Vice President for Health Sciences or the Vice President for Academic Affairs - depending on the instructional division to which the faculty member belongs - shall appoint a hearing committee, which shall report its findings to the appointing Vice President for disposition. If during this interim period, the University Assembly adopts a grievance procedure for faculty and determines that this procedure should also obtain for hearing procedures for these interim rules, the University Assembly may request the President of the University to recommend adoption by the Board of Visitors.

d. If the violator is a classified employee, the procedures stated in rules for administering the Virginia Personnel Act and appropriate University policies shall apply.

e. If the violator is an administrator, the Vice President to whom he reports shall establish with the Council on Faculty Affairs a mutually agreed upon committee for the purposes of adjudication. The recommendations of the committee shall be advisory to the appropriate Vice President.

If the violator is a Vice President, the President of the University shall establish with the Council on Faculty Affairs a mutually agreed upon committee for adjudication. The recommendations of the committee shall be advisory to the President.

If the violator is the President, the Board of Visitors shall adjudicate the situation as it sees fit.

f. In the case of the students, the following shall be the procedure:

1. Upon receiving notice that a student may have committed a violation of any of these regulations, a member of the staff of the Dean of Student Life shall promptly cause an investigation to be made. Such an investigation shall include consultation with the accused party.
2. If there appears reasonable cause to believe that the student has committed a violation, written notification of the charges shall be promptly served upon the student. Such notice shall be accompanied by a statement of his rights including:

- a) the right to be accompanied by an advisor (legal counsel will not be permitted on either side of a student-institutional hearing).
- b) the right to hear evidence presented against him and the right to cross-examine all witnesses presented against him.
- c) the right to present witnesses on his behalf on questions of fact.
- d) the right to receive prompt written notice of the Dean's decision.
- e) the right of access to all records of the proceedings of the hearing.
- f) the opportunity to appeal the Dean's decision.

3. The Dean of Student Life shall conduct a hearing within ten days from the date of notice to the student and after the hearing shall impose such penalty, if any, as he may find appropriate. If the student charged fails to appear without adequate excuse, the Dean shall dispose of the case on the basis of the evidence accumulated as a result of the investigation.
4. A student may within seven days appeal the decision of the Dean of Student Life to a University Hearing Board. This University-wide Board shall consist of five faculty members, five student members, plus a faculty chairman. All faculty members of

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Rams 'unofficially' win first football game

By Harold Castleman, Jr.
Times Sports Editor

It's not an official game and it will not be count toward any championship, but the VCU football club has won its first game. It defeated a squad at the State Penitentiary, 20-10, Saturday afternoon in a scrimmage game.

Trailing 2-0 at the half, and 10-0 well into the third quarter, the Rams posted their first score when Mike Patterson fell on a blocked punt in the end zone. The two-point conversion attempt failed, but the tide of the game had turned.

The block of the kick and score seemed to fire the defensive unit of the Rams. On the next series of downs the inmates attempted three

passes. All went incomplete.

VCU, after a penalty for clipping, put the ball in play on its 29 yardline. Quarterback Bob Sprouse ripped of nine yards, but on the next play Robert Sorah fumbled the ball and the inmates recovered on their 30-yard line (the field was only 80 yards long).

On the first play the inmates returned the compliment, fumbling the ball back to the Rams on the inmates, 28-yard line.

After the fumble recovery, the Rams took just four plays to score as Sprouse passed 11 yards to Donald Ledgerwood for the tally. The two-point conversion again failed but the Rams led, 12-0.

On the next play from

scrimmage, the inmates again could not find the handle on the ball, and the Rams recovered their fumble on the 21-yard line. On the first play the Rams scored again.

This time it was John Cook on the halfback option with a 21-yard scoring toss to tight-end Cy Witherow. The two-point conversion was good and the Rams had their winning margin.

The prison inmates got their first score without a great deal of effort. The inmates scored a safety when quarterback Bob Blackburn, not realizing where he was, ran out of the end zone.

The inmates touchdown and two-point conversion came early in the second half when Mike Sperberg fumbled

on the one-foot line. It took only one play for the inmates to punch the pigskin across.

The defense, though flimsy at times, came through when it had to. It gave up only the one touchdown, and was responsible for keeping the inmates in a hole to set up the first Ram score.

The performance of the offensive was spotty at the start of the game, with Bob Blackburn seemingly having trouble coming up with the big play. The switch of quarterbacks came just before the half with Bob Sprouse, also playing cornerback on defense, replacing Blackburn at the controls.

Since last spring's scrimmage with the Richmond Raiders, the football club has added a few more players and a lot more polish. The passing game that it lacked in the spring is now more sophisticated. It was, in fact, the passing game that was responsible for two of the Rams' touchdowns.

Although the game does not count toward any championship and was not an official game, it was important. It was what is known as a moral victory, because what is most important is that the team feels that it can win, and it feels like a team.

Conduct code disclosed

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the Board shall be appointed by the University President. The President of the Student Government Association West shall appoint three and the President of the Student Council, East, shall appoint two of the student members of the Board. If the University President determines that the number of hearings which will be required to be held is, or may be, so great that they cannot otherwise be disposed of with reasonable speed, additional ad hoc hearing boards may be appointed in the same manner as the initial hearing board. The University Hearing Board and the additional ad hoc board or boards shall conduct hearings in accordance with the same rights which accompany the notice from the Dean of Student Life. The board shall set its own procedures. Its findings and recommendations shall be advisory to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

III. Miscellaneous Items

A. Summaries of Student misconduct will be placed in the confidential files of the University.

1. Actions of suspension and expulsion will be noted on the academic transcript.

2. If a student elects to withdraw under charges, the violation "withdrawn under charges" will be placed upon the academic transcript.

3. The detailed information of any disciplinary case will be released to individuals other than the University administrators only with the written consent of the student.

B. Hearings shall be open to the University community unless

1. The accused requests that the hearing be closed.

2. Disruptions of the hearing require that they be closed. It is also possible for the accused to request that the hearing be closed except for a few observers of his

choice, such as parents or best friend. Open hearings do not require that large numbers be accommodated.

C. Interim Suspension

If in the opinion of the University President or his designee the presence of a person charged with a violation of a University rule or procedure presents a serious and immediate threat to the peace and safety of the University, the President or his designee may immediately suspend the person, pending a prompt adjudication of the case (within three days).

House accepts three

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In other business, three new members were admitted to the House upon their submission of petitions. The three are David Anderson, School of Business; William Matthews, Engineering Technology; and David Hoover, Arts and Sciences. Secretary Sheelah Rider pointed out that positions in the House were still open.

Representative Jim Doil moved that a committee be set up to investigate why some motions have been passed but never acted upon. The motion was passed, and the committee will be formed by the Speaker of the House, Butch Jenkins.

Doil also moved an amendment to the Constitution to limit SGA

electoral positions to undergraduate students. The motion was tabled to the Rules Committee for two weeks.

The chairman of the Board of Elections, Janet Groves, asked for "a committee to work with." The Speaker appointed the three new members of the House to serve on the board.

Helper needed

The varsity basketball team needs a manager. Anyone who is interested in working in that capacity should contact Cam Abell, at 358-5742.

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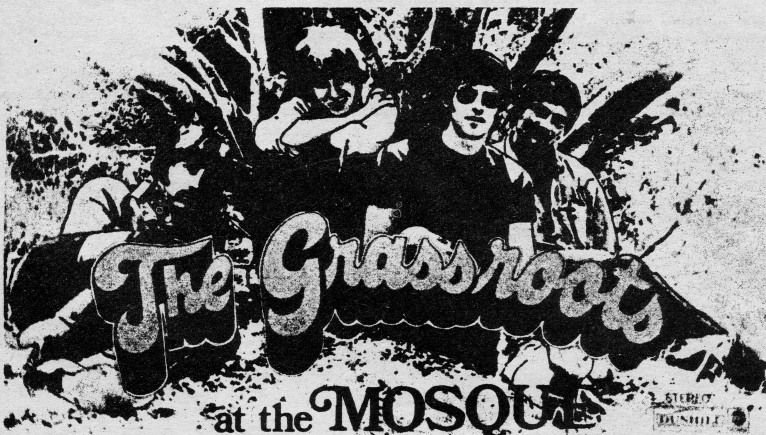
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