

Visitors Receive Woody Coeducation Report

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Admission of women to the University's college of Arts and Sciences came a step closer to realization Saturday as the Woody Committee on coeducation presented its 18-month long study to the Board of Visitors.

The conclusion reached by the committee stated that "If the University of Virginia at Charlottesville is to fulfill its function as the state university, it must open its doors to all qualified citizens of the state without discrimination with respect to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex."

Further action will not be taken by the board until its next meeting. Upon receiving the report, the Board requested President Edgar F. Shannon to proceed with studies of the feasibility of the committee's recommendation with the understanding that the visitors will act upon the principle of the report at its meeting in February.

The board also passed a resolution favorable to Student Council's proposed "Procedure By Which Student Activities Fund Shall Be Allocated" but failed to take action on Council motions concerning student control of dorm regulations.

The board's resolution, "Allocations Of The Student Activities Fee," differs from Student Council's request by giving the Student Activities Committee review of the budget of The Cavalier Daily. Council had requested

review of all student organizations. In the past Student Council had only the authority to make recommendations of budgets of organizations of the Student Activities Committee, which, was established by the Board of Visitors in 1956.

The adopted Resolution reads:

RESOLVED by the Rector and visitors of the University of Virginia that the Student Activities Committee shall continue to be charged with the authority and responsibility, under the President, for supervision of the Student Activities Fund which is made up of student activities fees. With respect to allocations from the Fund, unless otherwise directed by the President the procedures shall be as follows:

1. the Committee shall review budgets submitted by The Cavalier Daily and approve allocations thereto;
2. the budgets of all other organizations will be reviewed by Student Council which will allocate funds from student activities fees to the organizations; provided, however, the Council does not approve budgets for purposes in opposition to stated University policies (e.g., religious or discriminatory organizations), or for politically oriented organizations, or for entertainment. The capping on the aggregate amount allocated to all such organizations will be the then current total student activities fees less the amount approved by the Student Activities Committee for The Cavalier Daily. Each organization whose budget is reviewed by the Student Council will have a right of appeal to the Student Activities Committee. If no appeal is taken, a Student Council officer will draw a check on the Student Activities Fund for the

amount specified by Council payable to the organization, receiving the allocation. The Student Activities Committee shall examine on its own motion any budgets that may be approved by the Student Council for organizations deemed by the Committee to be within the exceptions noted above. RESOLVED FURTHER that the President is here authorized to change the procedures for making allocations from the Student Activities Fund as he may from time to time deem appropriate.

Martin F. Evans, President of Student Council, stated that the resolution was "right in line with what we requested. It should give Council a lot better control in getting allocations to Student organizations at the first of the school year."

Ron Hickman, Chairman of the Organizations and Publications Committee, presented the Council's plan for allocations Friday afternoon before the Chairman of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors. Mr. Evans said he felt that the board's decision expressed its "confidence in Mr. Hickman's study" and the ability of council to regulate student affairs. He also stated that he felt the last sentence of the board's resolution indicated that the Student Council would now make any appeals concerning the Student Activities Fund directly to president Shannon and not the Board of Visitors.

Further information was requested by the Board

before they took any action on a second Student Council proposal which concerned delegation to student organizations the power to legislate and enforce rules and regulations, including parental rules. Council passed these resolutions at its meetings on September 19, 14, October 1 and 8. Councilman Pieter Schenkkan drew up a report explaining the rationale of the Council motions which was to be presented to the Board of Visitors.

According to Mr. Evans, this report was submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs, Alastair Williams, with the understanding that copies would be prepared for members of the Board of Visitors. Mr. Evans stated that copies were never mailed out to the visitors, apparently because of some mix-up at Dean Williams' office.

Mr. Evans presented the proposal prepared by Mr. Schenkkan to the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors on Friday afternoon, just after Mr. Hickman had presented his report. He said that several questions were asked but that most members seemed to want more time to study the Council proposal.

The Board of Visitors also turned down Student Council's request asking that Mr. Evans be allowed to appear before the December meeting of the board. Mr. Evans was informed of the Board's decision by a letter he received Saturday afternoon. He said that he waited for a decision at the President's office in Pavilion VIII from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday.

A draft excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Visitors Meeting concerning the Council's request states:

The President read a communication from Mr. Martin F. Evans, President of the Student Council, dated 12 December 1968, transmitting the Student Council's request that its President be allowed to attend the December meeting of the Board of Visitors. After lengthy deliberations, the Board agreed that the request could not be granted. However, the Board expressed its interest in Mr. Evans' letter to Mr. Shannon of 1 November 1968 regarding establishment of machinery for communication between the Board of Visitors and the student body as long as such communication was channeled through the President. The President noted that he has recently appointed a joint student-faculty committee in response to a specific request by the Student Council to study a proposal for a meeting between students and the Board.

The Chairman of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee noted that his committee had received valuable reports from Student Council members, Mr. Martin F. Evans and Mr. Ron Hickman, who had appeared at the President's request. After discussion, the Board announced that, on the request of the President, the Board's Student Affairs and Athletics Committee will be pleased to hold a special meeting with elected representatives of the Student Government invited to attend by the President to discuss further any requests made by the Student Council through the President.

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