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Limited Class Size Preferred Hiring of More Faculty

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"I cannot insure that you will have the course you want with the professor of your choice," said Gerhard Spiegler, committee chairman, in a statement on a trend to limit student enrollment.

The statement describes the department's position on "crowded" courses under the current expansion program. Spiegler said, "According to policies of limiting enrollment, that 'you must limit your choice if you want to avoid predictable situations. Certain inequities will arise.'"

"The experience of a small discussion course ought to be an integral part of the Haverford student's experience," Spiegler said. "Sometime during the first two years you will have the opportunity to get your choices fulfilled."

The department will make a decision as to what courses will be limited.

Rules Out Faculty Increase
Spiegler ruled out continual increase in faculty as a solution for overcrowding.

"You cannot operate in a way in which we keep on adding on ad infinitum," he said. "You cannot throw it wide open," Spiegler mentioned "long term commitments to people on the faculty." These include guarantees that "no faculty member will just teach introductory courses." This policy rules out the possibility of continual addition of faculty, he said.

The effects of continual faculty hiring are often unhelpful and possibly detrimental, according to Spiegler.

He said that willy-nilly hiring can lead to getting poor instructors. On the other hand, a teacher's popularity may lead to overcrowding in his classes. "Some very popular courses will be overcrowded and for this there is no solution," said Spiegler. "There's no way you can reproduce a Wallace MacCaffrey three times over."

Philosophy at Maximum
In addition to this unpredictable effect of increased faculty, Spiegler noted that all department sizes must be viewed in relation to the size of the other departments at the College.

Spiegler said, "The philosophy department has reached its maximum and should not be increased."

The chairman of the philosophy department, Prof. Richard Bernstein, agreed. Bernstein noted that with the addition of several members to the philosophy department this year all the major fields of study in philosophy could be handled by the department.

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Faculty Approves EPC Suggestion Of Same Calendar

The calendar next year will be the same as this year's, the faculty decided at its October meeting.

The faculty was acting on a recommendation from the educational policy committee which had investigated the possibility of adopting an alternative calendar for next year.

EPC recommended no change for next year because Bryn Mawr was not ready to consider a change until after at least one full year under the present calendar, which was adopted last fall.

The faculty also approved an EPC recommendation to establish a committee to consider with Bryn Mawr various alternative calendars for 1970-71.

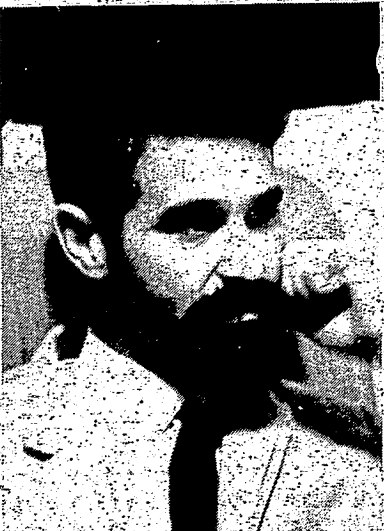


Photo by Roy Goodman
William Davidson

Davidon Arrested In Demonstration Against Humphrey

Prof. William Davidson of the Haverford physics department was arrested Tuesday while participating in a demonstration opposing the Vietnam war stand of vice president Hubert Humphrey.

The arrest came in front of Convention Hall, where Humphrey was scheduled to speak. Four others, including Temple professor Robert Edenbaum, were arrested with Davidson.

Police Prevent Leafleting
Davidon explained events leading to the arrests in this way: "Over the past few weeks police have on various occasions prevented leafleting and picketing around the Philadelphia area. Monday ADA, ACLU, and other group representatives met with the mayor's office and the head of the civil disobedience unit and reached an agreement that people carrying signs and leafleting in modest number would not constitute an obstruction."

Davidon said it was in that spirit that a small group of demonstrators went to the Humphrey rally. But the morning of the rally, he continued, the civil disobedience unit head informed Davidson that the secret service had specified there were to be no signs in front of Convention Hall for the Humphrey rally.

Not willing to have the secret service infringe on the right to demonstrate, Davidson's group went ahead with their plans, willing to be arrested in order to test the law. Davidson said there was no question of safety to Humphrey involved because he was not even on the scene when the arrests were made.

The signs Davidson's group were carrying condemned the Vietnam war and said a vote for Humphrey is not a vote against the war.

\$1 Bond Set

All five arrested were released on \$1 bonds. A hearing will be held next Friday. The charges made were disturbing the peace and conspiracy.

Davidon noted that, paralleling his group's case, yesterday the ACLU began serving a federal court injunction challenging the right of law enforcement agencies to ban demonstrations.

Vassar Initiates Proposal For Haverford Exchange

President Alan Simpson of Vassar College would like Haverford students to participate in an exchange with Vassar students beginning next semester, revealed President Coleman this week.

Coleman met with Simpson over the weekend when the latter was at Bryn Mawr for the annual Seven College Conference of the Seven Sisters colleges.

Interested in Exchange

"They are very seriously interested in initiating an exchange with us," Coleman said. The Vassar president "would like to see us move by spring," he continued, "but I am very pessimistic anything can get started this soon." Coleman said, however, that an exchange would be likely next fall. Coleman said his meeting with

Simpson was useful in communicating to Vassar "the degree of our interest."

Before an exchange can be implemented, "we need to know more about Vassar—know what her strengths and weaknesses are," Coleman said. He specified a need to know what kind of academic programs could be pursued at Vassar by Haverford students. He added Vassar must find out the same about Haverford.

Fact-Finding Committee

Coleman suggested that a committee, such as educational policy or academic flexibility, should send a fact-finding team to Vassar in the near future. In the meantime, he said he would continue conversations with Vassar on the administrative level.

Coleman admitted he had not investigated the possibility of dorm exchanges with Bryn Mawr prior to or concurrent with the Vassar negotiations, but pointed out, "I never said our first attempt at a dorm exchange would be with Bryn Mawr." Agreeing that the Bryn Mawr administration had recently made statements hinting that a dorm exchange might be possible, Coleman added, "I haven't looked into a Bryn Mawr exchange, but I'll have to investigate it."

Board of Managers

Coleman said one uncertainty that still lies ahead in the planning of dorm exchanges is the reaction of the Haverford Board of Managers. The Managers have not met since a dorm exchange became a serious possibility, and hence have not discussed the question. Coleman said the Managers would take up the exchange with Vassar at their next meeting Nov. 8.

Coleman also revealed that he will soon be considering the possibility of an exchange of students with a large urban university located near a ghetto. Such an exchange was suggested by Dr. Kenneth Clark, psychologist at City College of New York who recently participated in the race relations symposium at Haverford. Dr. Clark at that time offered his own assistance in piloting an initial exchange between Haverford and CCNY.

Bryn Mawr Group Requests Change In Parietal Hours

A movement is presently underway at Bryn Mawr to change the men-in-the-rooms rule.

A petition is presently circulating calling for an extension of visiting hours on weekends, making it possible for girls to have men in their rooms until 12:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. So far the petition has been signed by 276 people and will soon be presented in Legislature.

At present all men must be out of the rooms by 10:00 p.m. every night of the week.

Leader of the petition drive is Judy Resnick, a freshman. Girls want privacy to entertain guests, Miss Resnick explained, and privacy is generally not available in dorm smokers. Haverford offers more opportunity for privacy, she said, but what if one's boyfriend is not from Haverford?

If a girl's room is her "home away from home," Miss Resnick continued, "why can't she have the privilege of entertaining men in her room for five additional hours each week?"

The main objection to this proposed change of rules, according to the circulators of the petition, is that having men in the dorms for those extra five hours would be a great inconvenience to those who now feel free to wander through the halls in nightgowns and other "semi-decent attire," particularly at that hour of the night.

This would seem a legitimate complaint, Miss Resnick admitted, but she asserted that few girls can be found in the dorms during those hours.

"Those who ARE dateless, or studying or just plain freaking out could conceivably sacrifice those few five hours to the cause of decency in the common interest of all without too much pain and trauma, especially since it is probable that everyone may want to take advantage of this rule at one time or another," Miss Resnick concluded.

UCSC Errata

Huck White, student representative to President Coleman's advisory committee on the University City Science Center, reports that contrary to information in last week's NEWS the executive board of the Defense Institute of UCSC did not meet last Friday.

The meeting will be held sometime in the next month, White indicated, but he will not be one of those attending.

Furthermore, White said, the Haverford Board of Managers has not met, and does not plan to meet, to discuss specifically defense contracts or the UCSC, nor does the Board plan to issue any new policy statements on the matter.

Biafra Fast Gets 80% Participation; Rings in \$350

Haverford sponsored, yesterday, a "Biafra Fast" for which was organized by Haverford junior Hendrick Siré, member of the Philadelphia "Biafra Alive" committee. This organization, which sponsors the National Life Line Biafra Vigil at City Hall on Friday, presently is coordinating the efforts of many colleges to send aid to the famine-stricken country.

As a result of the Halloween fast in which 450 students participated, \$300 was donated by the food service. An additional \$50 has been raised on campus as part of the Biafra fund.

Present, Siré is uncertain of the Biafra relief organizations will receive the money. He has reservations about giving it to the American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive for advertising. Neither is anxious to give the funds to the International Red Cross which accuses of "not being efficient in giving aid to Biafra."

He now believes that Catholic services would make the most effective use of the money. A meeting will be held to discuss and solve the problem.

Siré added that he was pleased with both Slater's cooperation and response of the student body. Any students questioned the effectiveness of these contributions. In answer to some of these inquiries, Siré explained that \$0.05 out of every \$0.70 would go to soldiers; starving women and children would be aided by the remaining \$0.65. He rejects the aim that these contributions will along the war as being irrational and irrelevant.

Concerning the political argument that the war is an internal affair of Nigeria, he rejected that the situation "has reached proportions of genocide," and therefore, other nations have a right to be involved.

A similar fast, organized by Haverford, will be conducted at Bryn Mawr in the near future.