

Faculty Again Alters Regulation To Limit Off-Campus Drinking

TWO MAIN POINTS

Burks' Honor Proposal Stirs New Controversy

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It looks like another tempest is brewing in the Davidson campus. John Burks, senior member of the Honor Court, has proposed what could prove to be radical changes in student government.

Burks' plan, which he presented to the student body in Monday's chapel, contains two cardinal points. First he called for "deletion of the part of the oath of office taken by members of the Student Council and Honor Court stating that I will be honor bound to report any violation of the Honor System or any other provision of the Constitution which comes to my attention."

He quickly pointed out that under the Honor System all students, including council and court members, would still be bound to report honor violations.

The second point calls for a general referendum on all the Student Body Regulations. Burks contended, "If we say we are going to make 'duty' mean something to the student body it seems to me that we must have a system of regulations affirmed by the present student body and towards which we may legitimately expect students to feel responsible."

The effect of these proposals would be to place the responsibility for enforcement of the regulations, which heretofore has been solely that of Student Council and Honor Court members, equally on the shoulders of

all students.

At a special Open End Monday night (attended by ten people, at least) one student asked about the possible consequences if the drinking rule were not retained in the referendum. No body ventured to predict definitely what the administration's reaction might be.

However, Burks emphasized, "My proposal is not aimed at any one regulation. It's aimed at alleviating what I think is a very unfair method of enforcement of these regulations."

He revealed that his interest in changing the existing situation sprang from a study carried out last summer by a committee, of which he was chairman, composed of Honor Court members. They studied the honor systems of various other schools. And read widely on the subject.

During the course of this study, Burks decided that, "It is completely illogical and un-

fair to require any one group of students to be more responsible than another."

The result of such a situation is to set up a police force of a few students amidst a generally apathetic student body.

"The main reason that students don't feel any responsibility toward these regulations is that they don't approve of them," Burks emphasized. "Another reason is that they haven't had to feel responsible. I don't think that (being a policing body) is the function of a student council or honor court."

Whether or not a special body (students or others in control) of the present regulations, which he was considering, would be dispensed with remains to be seen.

"The whole thing boils down to how much value each student places on maintaining student jurisdiction in these areas," Burks said. "Let them delete whichever regulations they don't believe should be under their jurisdiction."



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BURKS PRESENTS PLAN AT OPEN END
Claims Students Don't Approve of Regulations

OATH OF OFFICE

Council Alters Bylaws

The Student Council, in a special meeting Wednesday night, approved a change in the Student Body Bylaws which would make Council and Honor Court members no longer bound to enforce Student Body Regulations.

OATH OF OFFICE

The change, brought about by deletion of Section 6 of the Student Bylaws, which contains the oath of office, passed by a 12-0

vote with one abstention and one absence.

Council president Bill Council stressed that the change does not go into effect until a new oath is taken by Council and Court members.

The Council also approved a student body referendum to be held Thursday on the Student Body Regulations. Council will read the referendum Tuesday in assembly and a vote will be

taken Thursday.

The referendum will give students a chance to decide which section of the present regulations they wish to be deleted. If a particular regulation receives a two-thirds negative vote it can be deleted by provision of Constitution.

Said Honor Court member Burks in anticipation of the poll, "If the students vote to retain a dry campus, then they must take a greater responsibility in maintaining it."

Council added that should the student body decide the drinking rule, the faculty will probably take more stringent measures to retain and enforce them.

Council announced that the actual vote count on Tuesday's poll was 304-39 in favor of changing the present rule making Honor Court and Student Council members honor bound to report violations of the Student Body Regulations.

EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES
Burks, questioned as to his true motive for suggesting the

change, replied, "My purpose is to equalize the responsibility for upholding the Student Body Regulations."

Bob Bryan added, "The main issue we are considering here is the fact that we do not consider drinking an honor offense, and therefore should not be honor bound to report offenses related to drinking."

VIET NAM

Council next presented a plan originated by Pinckney Whitson which would hopefully supply 10,000 copies of *Playboy* magazine to U. S. soldiers in Vietnam. The idea stemmed from a letter in the magazines from a soldier who complained that there was a severe shortage of copies in that area of the world.

Whitson contacted a *Playboy* executive who said he could probably procure the needed supply if Whitson could find a way to round them up. Then Whitson must find a way to get them to Marietta, Ga., where a plane will fly them to Viet Nam.

Fraternity Functions Excluded From Change

The faculty amended the drinking rule once again Wednesday to prohibit consumption of alcoholic beverages at college-sponsored functions or at functions where designated representatives of the college are participating.

The new amendments were approved by a "good majority," according to President D. Grier Martin.

The amendments which were added to the faculty-approved rule were the recommendations of the joint Faculty-Trustee Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Policy which had previously been deleted from that committee's motion.

The organization of the committee itself was recommended by the faculty on Dec. 8, 1964, but the first meeting was held on Aug. 20 of this year. It consists of both trustees and faculty with its members being appointed respectively by Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president of the Board of Trustees, and President Martin.

Representing the trustees are D. R. LaFar Jr. and Dr. Thomas G. Thurston. Faculty members serving are Dr. W. G. Workman and Dr. J. G. Martin. Both Richards and President Martin serve as ex officio members of the joint committee.

FRATERNITY PARTIES

The faculty amendments essentially "take us back where we were, except for fraternity parties," commented Professor Martin. "Groups having parties will still have to register, but there is no prohibition on moderate drinking."

This new faculty action will prohibit any drinking at college-sponsored functions and functions where designated representatives of the college are participating. Also no drinking or transporting of alcoholic beverages will be allowed by a student while he is participating as a designated representative of the school.

Professor Martin stated that the reason the two recommendations had been deleted by previous faculty action was the "concern had been raised only in a casual way," and the committee felt that the motions "needed to have emphasis placed on them."

Concern over the deletion of the two recommendations by the previous faculty action came from Dan Campbell, chairman of the Social Council, and Coach Heath Whitson, assistant director of athletics.

Campbell has stated for THE DAVIDSONIAN that the first rule change would have placed

pressure on the Social Council

to have parties for the student body off campus where drinking would have been allowed by the action of the faculty in October.

Professor Martin said that "the majority of students disagree with Campbell." But the committee felt that the complaint issued by the president of the Social Council should be taken into consideration.

Professor Martin said that the action of the faculty on Wednesday "reflects the judgment of the committee that students representing the college should not consume alcohol."

DISCIPLINE PROBLEM
The coaches felt that they could handle the discipline problem," Martin continued, "but they were afraid of an unexpected situation arising in the fu-

ture." According to Martin, the faculty action will do away with unnecessary accidents on athletic trips and "prevent loss of team morale, and also, we need to maintain the support of the public."

The only confusing aspect of the faculty ruling is the meaning of a "designated representative of Davidson College."

According to Richard C. Burks, dean of students, the term "designated representative" will cover students in these instances: 1) Students whose expenses are being paid by the college; 2) those selected by the college to attend; 3) those whose absences are excused by the college. "I think these three will cover it," Burks concluded.

Complete Text Of Amendments

Following is the text of the amendments adopted by the faculty Wednesday. Boldface indicates the changes in the rules.

Item 5 of the Faculty Regulations on Student Conduct (Wildcat Handbook pp. 62-63) is amended to read:

5. Alcoholic Beverages. Davidson College is opposed to the use of alcoholic beverages by students. A student will ordinarily be suspended if he is found guilty of violating any of the following regulations:

a. No student shall consume or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage (1) while he is within the Town Limits of Davidson or on the Campus of Davidson College (which includes the Lake Campus) unless he is within the home of his immediate family or (2) while he is in attendance at any event which is sponsored by Davidson College or in which student representatives designated by the college are participating.

b. No student shall have an alcoholic beverage in his possession within the Town Limits of Davidson or on the Campus of Davidson College other than in the home of his immediate family or in the locked trunks of student automobiles.

c. No student shall transport, have in his possession or consume an alcoholic beverage during the period bounded by his travel to and from an event in which he participates as a designated representative of Davidson College.

Regulations not covered by these regulations may be dealt with under Item 1 of the Faculty Regulations stated under STUDENT CONDUCT. (The student should be familiar with relevant portions of public law dealing with the purchase, consumption and automobile storage of alcoholic beverages.)

IFC Plans To Report Parties

The Interfraternity Council changed the beginning time for the final period of silence and also discussed registering of off-campus parties, at its regular meeting Monday night.

The final period of silence was previously scheduled to begin Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. In order to coincide with Christmas break, this period will begin instead on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 12 p.m.

There is no change in the end of the period of silence which will be Monday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m. Since the college is now officially recognizing off-campus parties, it has required that all such parties must be registered.

The IFC decided that it would assume the responsibility for registering these parties as had been suggested. Parties must be registered with the IFC secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the party. This rule is to go into effect immediately.

When questioned as to the reason for registering parties, Tom Covington, fraternity liaison officer, replied, "As far as I am concerned, it is just to know where parties are going on in case of any emergency."

Discussion turned to the definition of a "party," but no complete definition was reached. It was, however, generally agreed that any social affair for which money is taken out of the fraternity treasury should be considered a party.

Jim Terry, IFC president, announced that the annual Christmas party for the Barium Springs Orphans will be held Thursday night, Dec. 16. There will be about 75 children from 4 to 12. Each fraternity will have from six to eight children for supper and a short party.

Admissions Applicants Total 566 For Year

Applications for admission to Davidson are running behind last year's total while still ahead of the number received two years ago, according to H. Edmunds White, director of admissions.

White reported that 566 applications had been received at the end of November. On that date last year, 660 had been received, while two years ago the total was only 495.

For the first time in five years, all acceptances will be mailed at the same time, April 14. Previously, the admissions office had sent them out in three groups, on Feb. 20, March 20 and throughout April.

NEW METHOD

"The more select colleges have used this new method for quite some while," said White. "We're switching to it for the same reasons they did."

"We think we can do a better and fairer job by using one acceptance date. In the past we were accepting boys before all the scores and forms were in. We were operating on incomplete information."

Last year admissions reached decisions on 1274 applications, accepting 426 or one-third of the total. Sixty-five per cent (270) of those accepted enrolled this fall.

EARLY DECISION

Sixty boys have already been accepted by each division on Nov. 15. White said he wants about 270 acceptances, or 210 more.

Dave Clark Five Presents Its Philosophy Of Life

By BILL SEIGLER and KERN PARKER
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"The rock 'n' roll craze? Oh it will probably last for a long time, but we won't," said Dave Clark of England's famous Dave Clark Five Sunday afternoon. Mike Smith, the organizer of the

group, agreed: "I should think I'd be at least a retired old gentleman by the time it ends. They've been saying that it's dying for years, but it still keeps going."

The group was at the Charlotte Coliseum for a concert sponsored by Hit Attractions,

Inc. Before the performance, two DAVIDSONIAN reporters, granted a special interview with them, went backstage with five excited teen-agers, winners in a "Meet the Dave Clark Five" contest, who were carrying a plum pudding to their idols.

At least 5,000 other girls were sitting outside, not too patiently enduring the performance of two lesser-known rock 'n' roll groups. Momentarily at a loss for words, the two reporters were soon put at ease by the casual friendliness of the visitors from England.

According to Clark, he, Smith, Dennis Payton, Rick Hunter and Lenny Davidson, decided to do a Beatles, or with the Rolling Stones either. "I like both groups," he said. He did note, however, that the sales of their new records compared "well" with those of the other two groups.

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"We G - Together To Raise Money"