

## Hahn on riots

On Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 1968, Va. Tech President, T. Marshall Hahn addressed the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Speaking before this group he said that riots were a potentially beneficial means of restoring social health. "Civil disorder might work to the nation's advantage by forcing Americans to dedicate themselves to a common cause," he said.

He further added that "crisis and strife frequently in our history have forged a united effort dedicated to a common cause." He did, however, concede that the "right to dissent must be protected," and that social protest "must be done responsibly, cooperatively, with respect for individual rights and freedoms for all."

Continuing his speech President Hahn also said, "If we turn to lawlessness and violence to achieve our goals, we are really helping to destroy what we want most to achieve—reasonable and sound solutions to the admittedly severe problems which we face."

In outlining the problems that contribute to the nation's problems he included population growth, rapid industrial expansion and increasingly rapid concentration of population in urban areas. As a solution he said that a better balance of industrial development among smaller towns and larger cities might serve to lessen social disorder.

## opposed to war?

Are you one of the thousands of young people in the United States concerned over and utterly opposed to the role of the Government and its armed forces in Vietnam? Does your opposition spring from some concept of what man's relationship to man should be? Does your conscience require that you not enter the armed forces? Are you opposed to war in any form?

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# WASKOW

## WASKOW EXPLAINS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN FORUM

Dr. Arthur Waskow



Dr. Arthur Waskow spoke on the drillfield Tuesday, May 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Waskow, a fellow of the Institute of Policy Studies in Washington, D. C., spoke on the nature and purpose of civil disobedience in today's society.

Waskow's presentation was part of an open forum sponsored by the University Vietnam Committee. Even though the activity was approved by the Student Activities Committee, Messrs. Peterson and Thrift were cautiously present.

The text of Waskow's presentation was to point out the nature of dissent as a violation of a law which is not in the interest of the people of the society and as disobedience to the people in power when they are not following the law. Waskow gave the example of the passage of the Constitution of the United States as a violation of law which was not in the interest of the society because the writers did not follow the process outlined in the Articles of Confederation, the existing law for amending the Articles, but followed a higher plane of judgement and had the separate states endorse it.

Dr. Waskow went on to say that his participation in draft resistance was in support of the law as it is written in the Constitution of the United States, to guarantee every citizen freedom from involuntary servitude (Amendment 13, Section 1). He backed up this position further by describing how he, Dr. Spock, The Rev. William Coffin, and several others

went before the Justice Department and charged the Secretaries of State and Defense with the breaking of the law. This included the breaking of the Geneva Accords (an international treaty—law), the United Nations Charter Agreements, the Constitution of the United States (only Congress has the power to declare war), and the inhumane treatment of the people of Vietnam.

At approximately 1:45 pm Glenn Suter, president of the UVM, suggested that in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling on the right of free assembly, if the group wished, it might show its support of that ruling by moving to another part of the drillfield which had not been approved by the Student Activities Committee. It was the consensus that the group wanted to at least wait until 2:30 pm, so Waskow continued. It should be noted that Mr. Thrift left at this point not without some speed. Waskow covered other subjects: draft evasion, establishment injustices, and the Paris Peace talks.

At approximately 2:00 pm, a motion was made by Mark Crowley that the group move to another location as previously suggested. Tom Saunders expressed the position that these measures were already in the process of being changed by the Student Forum Committee and that such a demonstration would probably only serve as a negative affect on their chances of passage. It was again the consensus of the group that those that wanted to do this should wait until 2:30 pm, and that those people should act as individuals and not as the entire forum.

Shortly before 2:30 Dr. James Dean and Security Officer I. E. Nichols appeared on the scene, however, if they were looking for VPI's second riot, they were disappointed.

Nothing developed of the suggested demonstration for free assembly after the forum. One participant remarked, "This goes to show that students really can reach rational conclusions, even in an open forum."





## Blacksburg Makes The Big Time!

Blacksburg had its first "narcotics bust" last weekend. A V.F.I. official, backed by our brave state police, cleaned out the town's "dopa addicts" (all six of them) and their "killer weed," marijuana. We thank them for removing this evil.

Flowing lines  
of oil base souls,  
Sleeping people playing  
degenerate roles.  
Actors on a stage --  
lights in their eyes,  
Slow motion rotation  
of diamond skies.

J. C. Pendleton

## SCREWED IN ONE EASY VOTE

The House voted overwhelmingly yesterday to deny loans, grants and other educational aid to students who take part in campus riots, sit-ins, seizures and other disruptions.

More than 1.4 million students—2 of all college students—and more than \$1 billion are involved in the federal programs affected by the 306-to-54 vote.

A similar restriction was ordered Wednesday on National Science Foundation grants, traineeships and fellowships affecting an estimated 28,000 students and teachers...

If similar limitations are placed on research agencies other than the Science Foundation, they could affect about \$1.4 billion in federal funds in addition to the \$1 billion in the educational programs covered by yesterday's vote.

The Courier Journal, May 10, 1968  
Louisville, Ky.

# DEANS STUDENT POLICIES

Contrary to a great many concepts that are developed by individuals, Student Life Policies have been for years written and approved by students and the faculty at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Each year in late January, the University Administration, through the Office of the Dean of Students, requests of Student Government, C.I.C., W.I.C., Regimental Staff of the Corp of Cadets, and any interested members of the student body and Faculty to prepare in writing requests for Student Life Policies. Each year prior to April 15th, those requests are sent directly to the Dean of Students who prepares them in original order for the Student Activities Committee. The Student Activities Committee has always discussed the individual changes and forwarded their recommendations to the University Council. The University Council has always responded and either approved or rejected the proposed changes in Student Life Policies. At the time the Student Life Policies reach the University Council, the President of the Student Government Association, Vice President of the Student Government Association, and the President of the W.I.C. are requested to be present to defend the changes as proposed. Consequently, the 1967-68 edition of Student Life Policies as well as the forthcoming 1968-69 edition of Student Life Policies will be the product of recommendations of students and faculty and the decisions of the Student Activities Committee and the University Council. A no place along the line of original preparation or presentation has any member of the administration of Virginia Tech ever written a particular word or changed any of the structure in the proposals. This particular article is a by-product of student and faculty initiative.

There have been several procedural changes take place which are most enthusiastically endorsed by the administration of the university. The Student Life Committee of the Student Government Association has prepared the proposed changes in Student Life Policies to the Student Activities Committee, by official vote in February, 1968, agreed to change the procedures and to allow changes and proposals to Student Life Policies to be initiated in the Fall Quarter of each year and discussed and approved by the Student Activities Committee in the Winter Quarter. This activity would, in turn, avoid last minute changes and avoid the crowding of the agenda and schedule of the Student Activities Committee.

If a person looks closely at Student Life Policies that have been written by students and faculty over the

years, you will note that there are very few restrictions imposed upon individual. A student, under the basic Policy found on Pages 5 and 6, has ultimate freedom of his or her choice of action. With that action however, there is responsibility.

remaining pages of Student Life Policies spell out these responsibilities. Every few years, there is need of a committee to revise some of the standing procedures. The procedures are being changed to a great extent this Spring and will be reflected in the 1968-69 edition of Student Life Policies. In addition, the Student Government Association has proposed a committee under chairmanship led by Mr. Don Norris which will attempt to evaluate the total effect of Student Life Policies on the individual student. This program is most effective since it will relate honestly to students their needs to question their responsibility to themselves and their associates. Hopefully, programs like this can have a major effect on the worthiness of student initiative, student control, and effective relationships with faculty and administration.

A very close check or rules and regulations among some "name" colleges and universities will indicate by examining the Virginia Tech Student Life Policies a real reflection of student initiative and student liberty and democracy. While it is true that some of us enjoy a regulatory life, each of us learns to live through our own process along with the other people in this world of regulatory life.

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## EDITORIAL

Hurray and America strikes again in her demagogic (but of course democratic) way to those who do not conform to the almighty norm. The recent decision to deprive students of Federal funds for their education will have many effects. Deprived of funds to attend school because you "resisted university authority" (dress polls maybe?) you are immediately subjected to General Hershey's homemade justice and within two months you can be ducking bullets in a rice paddy. You only wanted better food or perhaps the vermin out of your mattress? Too bad, the rewards may be a democratically determined trip to Viet Nam. General Hershey says you can't have a lawyer because he wants to be fair to those who might not have one; therefore without judge, jury, or legal process you are summarily adjudged guilty of activities unfavorable to the American Establishment. The Leviathan is screwing you to the wall, and only fools can believe the lies: freedom, equality, justice.

Thomas J. Saunders

Respectfully submitted,

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Dean of Students

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