A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, October 16, 1975, at 9:00 a.m. in the Staff Lounge of the James Branch Cabell Library.

Present were Drs. Blanton and Gwathmey; Messrs. Dabney, Morgan, Norris, Obenshain, Scott, Seaborn and Taylor; and Mrs. Satterfield. Absent were Messrs. Grey, McGehee and Shumate and Messdames Stone and Thalhimer. Also present were Drs.andrako, Brooke, Fleshood, Hall, Neal, Salley, Temple, Wilson and Woods; Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Price.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order.

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of a Joint Meeting of the Property Committee and the Finance Committee, held September 15, 1975, and the minutes of a Special Meeting of the Development Committee, held October 6, 1975, were unanimously approved.

The Report of the President followed, during which Dr. Temple gave the history of the Dental TEAM program. At the present time, VCU is hopeful that the Virginia Board of Dentistry will grant a public hearing on the TEAM program. (A public hearing has been scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 1975, at 10:00 a.m. in the Roof Gardens of the John Marshall Hotel.) On motion made and seconded,
the following resolution was unanimously approved:

    The Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University confirms its support of the freedom of the University (and other universities) to determine how they shall offer their educational programs, with full respect for the laws of the Commonwealth, and we request Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector of the VCU Board of Visitors, and Dr. T. Edward Temple, President of VCU, to express this position on behalf of the University at whatever times they feel appropriate and specifically at the forthcoming hearings before the Board of Dentistry of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

    Also, Dr. Temple read to the Board a copy of a letter from Mr. David K. McCloud, EEO Coordinator, Division of State Personnel. This related to the question raised at the last Board meeting by Mr. Grey concerning the apparent drop in VCU's minority employment. Mr. McCloud's letter stated:

    It has been called to my attention that we are in error on the recent Employment Opportunity Program Status Report, January - June, 1975. The July 1, 1975 percentage of minority employment should read 39.26 rather than 37.26. This means that Virginia Commonwealth University gained in its minority employment by .56 rather than losing by 1.44.

Dr. Temple indicated that the administration is pleased with the progress that VCU is making under our affirmative action plan.

    Dr. Temple reported to the Board on the funds expended to date for the hospital consultants, Booz, Allen and Hamilton. The Board considered this item and determined that these expenditures were worthwhile; they also felt that a continuing effort should be made to derive the maximum benefits from these studies.
Mr. Ware joined the meeting at this time to present to the Board a proposed chain of office for the President of VCU. Mr. Ware indicated that the Inaugural Committee, which he chairs, had expressed an interest in establishing an appropriate emblem of office to be used by the President on all official occasions. Mr. Ware stated that the chain of office being considered had been designed by a member of the Crafts Department. Following a discussion, Dr. Blanton appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Dabney and Scott and Mrs. Satterfield, to investigate possible alternatives and to look into a means of financing such an item.

Dr. Gwathmey reported on the Hospital Quality Assurance Committee meeting held earlier in the morning.

On motion made and seconded, the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status were unanimously approved.

Dr. Temple presented the HMO Status Report and read into the minutes the following memorandum to Dr. M. Pinson Neal, Jr., Provost, MCV Campus, from Dr. Robert W. Jessee, Director, HMO Planning Project, dated October 15, 1975:

On November 1, 1975, the HMO Planning Project budget will include an estimated total of $23,787 in unexpended funds. Contingent on DHEW approval to convert certain categorical funds to more expedient project expenditures, the unexpended funds (estimated $23,787) will be committed to specific outlay items by January 1, 1976.

A report of the HMO Planning Project will be submitted to the VCU Board of Visitors at the Board meeting in April, 1976.
The Board accepted the HMO Status Report and the conditions outlined in Dr. Jessee's memorandum of October 15, 1975.

Dr. Temple presented the proposal from the MCV/VCU Alumni Association suggesting that the VCU Board of Visitors appoint two members to serve on a committee to consider a permanent site for a new alumni house. On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Dr. Blanton was authorized to appoint two members of the VCU Board to serve on the committee and that the committee should examine the relationship between the alumni and the University with respect to the alumni house, and further, that the committee should make recommendations for a broad policy to govern this relationship in the future.

Dr. Wilson presented a new concept for the proposed dormitory on the Academic Campus. Some questions were raised concerning the visitation policy which would result if this new concept was adopted. The Board referred this question to the Property Committee of the Board for consideration.

Dr. Temple presented a letter he had received from Mr. Stanley G. Rothenberg, President of the Lower Civic Fan Association, requesting that a representative of his group be allowed to attend Board meetings. This item was tabled until a later date.

Mr. Holmes presented the Financial Statements. Following a discussion, these statements were accepted by the Board.

For the Board's information, Dr. Neal presented the checklist for the "MCVH Management Enhancement Recommendations."

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. and was followed by a tour of the James Branch Cabell Library.
Approved:

Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr.
Dr. Temple reported to the Board on the Dental TEAM program which has been under considerable discussion by the Virginia Dental Board. Dr. Temple advised the Board on all actions and discussion that had taken place. The VCU administration has requested a public hearing on the proposed changes in the rules and regulations which are needed to implement the grant. (A public hearing has been scheduled for Saturday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.)

Dr. Temple stated that Dr. David K. McCloud, EEO Coordinator, Division of State Personnel, had written a letter indicating that the Employment Opportunity Program Status Report, January-June 1975, was in error. The July 1, 1975, percentage of minority employment should read 39.26 rather than 37.26. This means that VCU gained in its minority employment by .56 rather than losing by 1.44. Dr. Temple indicated that the administration is pleased with VCU's progress in minority employment.

Dr. Temple reported to the Board on the funds expended to date for the hospital consultants, Booz, Allen & Hamilton.

Dr. Temple indicated to the Board that VCU has been named a bicentennial university and gave the Board a list of activities VCU has planned in connection with this celebration.

Dr. Temple read to the Board a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Carter O. Lowance, Acting Secretary of Education, to Mr. Maurice Rowe, Secretary of Administration, with regard to the Virginia Hospital Laundry. This memo outlined the current status of the Laundry.

Dr. Temple read to the Board a letter received from Judge Warriner with regard to the present posture of the Gay Alliance of Students' case. The letter indicated that during the course of the judge writing his opinion, he encountered various authorities which were not mentioned or developed in the briefs.

Dr. Temple reported that members of the VCU administration had met with Dr. Dan Marvin and his staff with regard to VCU's budget, capital program, and faculty salary averages.

He indicated to the Board that various state officials and General Assembly members were being invited to visit the campus for lunch and a tour of the music and drama facilities.

Dr. Temple reported to the Board on the financial status of the MCV Parking Deck.