A special meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, October 13, 1977, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanger Hall Board Room.

Present were Drs. Blanton and Gayle; Messrs. Bliley, Dabney, Grey, Norris, Scott and Seaborn; and Mrs. Satterfield. Absent were Dr. Gwathmey; Messrs. McGehee, Obenshain and Shumate; and Mesdames Stone and Thalhimer. Also present were Drs. Beller, Hall, Neal, Willett and Woods; Messrs. Guerdon and Ross; Miss Cosby and Mrs. Price.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order.

On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held May 19, 1977; Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held May 27, 1977; Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held June 9, 1977; Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held June 23, 1977; Special Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held July 7, 1977; Special Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held July 20, 1977; Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held July 21, 1977; Special Meeting of the Executive Committee, held August 18, 1977; and a Special Meeting of the Board of Visitors, held August 18, 1977, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Grey reported on behalf of the Hospital Committee. The Committee received the audit on transfusions and the deficiencies were noted. Mr. Grey, as acting chairman of the Hospital Com-
mittee, accepted the audit. The Hospital Committee also reviewed the administration's request for a hospital rate increase. Following a presentation and discussion, on motion made and seconded, the hospital room rate increases were unanimously approved and will become effective on November 1, 1977. Mr. Kidd noted the growing shortage of registered nurses in the hospitals.

Following the Report of the Acting President, Dr. Blanton introduced Mr. James G. Guerdon, Vice President for Finance. He also reported that Dr. Gwathmey was improving steadily following heart surgery and would be going home today.

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

The Report of Gifts, Grants and Contracts, on motion made and seconded, was unanimously approved.

On motion made and seconded, the Contracts signed since the July meeting were affirmed by the Board.

Mr. David L. Ross, Legal Advisor, reported on two cases which will be heard in the near future. These cases are Doe vs. Linas and the Oslund Case.

Mrs. Satterfield, on behalf of the Academic Policy Committee, presented the Consultation, Research, Part-Time Employment and Continuing Education Policy. Following a discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Consultation Policy was unanimously approved.

Mr. Guerdon presented to the Board information on their liability insurance coverage. The policy covers "members of the Board (of Visitors) . . . for a wrongful act. . . ." "A wrongful act is defined as any (a) actual or alleged errors, (b) misstatement or misleading statement, (c) act or omission, (d) neglect
or breach of duty, and (e) matter claimed by reason of being Assureds, in the discharge of their duties." The limits are $1,000,000 maximum annual aggregate with a $5,000 deduction on each loss.

Mr. Seaborn reported that a meeting of the Audit Committee had been held with representatives of the State Auditor's office, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company, and members of the VCU administration. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the preliminary management letter submitted by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company. Dr. Blanton asked that the Audit Review Committee meet to examine the extensive document received from Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company.

Mr. Norris reported that the Student Affairs Committee had met on Monday, October 10. The Committee discussed their program for the year including meeting with student groups on campus.

Dr. Blanton announced the new committee assignments and thanked the members of the Board for agreeing to serve.

The movie, "The Cutting Edge," which was used for the bond presentation was shown and Mr. Scott received rave reviews!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Richard D. Obenshain, Secretary

Approved:

Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., M.D., Rector
1. Parking

Dr. Willett reported that we had reached a crisis with regard to parking on the Academic Campus. A meeting had been held with Senator Willey, Delegate George Allen, Mayor Henry Marsh, Vice-Mayor Henry Valentine, and Councilman Wayland Rennie. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the whole parking situation in the Fan area and to see what the State, City and University could do to resolve this problem. With the recent Supreme Court ruling on the Arlington parking system (similar to the one in the Fan), Mr. Rennie has proposed to reinstitute the residents' parking permit system. A discussion was also held concerning the building of a parking deck on one of the mosque lots. Dr. Willett reported that we would probably have to build a deck regardless of its financial feasibility.

2. Valentine Museum

Dr. Willett stated that he had spoken with Mr. Henry Wickham regarding the Putney Houses and the University's involvement with the Valentine Museum. Mr. Wickham was aware of the status of these plans.

3. Local Funds

Dr. Beller reported that the internal audit staff had been investigating the local fund accounts. A report will be forthcoming at a later date.

4. Handicapped

Dr. Willett reported that the staff is currently reviewing the whole question of the handicapped and the impact of Section 504. A report will be brought to the Board at a later date.

5. Graduate Studies

A report on Graduate Studies is being prepared and will be brought to the Board at a later date.

6. Bond Referendum

A meeting was held in the Governor's Office last Friday (October 7) to discuss the bond referendum. It appears that the major publicity on the bonds will come the last week of the campaign. Dr. Willett reported that we had a number of programs being held on campus to promote the bond referendum.
7. **Basketball Team**

Dr. Willett reported that for the basketball season, we will have a pep band and cheerleading squad. We will also have a radio program. Dr. Willett stated that he would like for as many members of the Board to come to the games and to bring guests. Tickets may be obtained by calling Meg Price.

8. **Good News**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded us a low-interest loan to construct the dormitory on the Academic Campus.

9. **Copyright on Music**

Dr. Willett reported that colleges and universities may have to pay a great deal in copyright fees for music played at paid events. This situation is being looked into, and we were told not to get alarmed.

10. **Enrollment**

We have approximately 18,350 students or a 2 to 3 percent increase over last year.

11. **1977-78 Budget**

Dr. Willett reported that the staff is working on the 1977-78 operating budget and will submit it to the Board for review at its next meeting.

12. **T. Edward Temple Convocation**

A convocation, in memory of Dr. Temple, will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 1977, at 11:00 a.m. All members of the Board are invited to attend. This convocation is being funded in part by the Richmond Jewish Community Council.