This is what they had to say:

Students in Mr. Jack Atkinson's English class were asked to state their opinions briefly concerning the decision.

Beverly Trainham, senior, Roanoke: "The Handbook rules concerning students, calmly stated by the students and faculty had me surprised to hear Judge Merhige's decision. I feel that a 48-hour notice is unnecessary. Things might be made a bit closer to what they are supposed to be."

Charles Shomo, senior, Paris: "It is unfortunate that the student demonstration last April has led to this decision. College handbooks are by nature ambiguous, but the courtroom is not the place to iron out difficulties. The students and administration probably could have long since settled the ambiguities and un

fairness of the handbook by settling their differences among themselves. Strained relations, as has been hinted from this case being carried through the courts, are of benefit to no one."

Brevett Trainham, senior, Louisa, Va.: "Regarding Judge Merhige's decision on the student who were suspended last session, I cannot make an outright statement due to the nature of my position as president of Student Government since it is my duty to reflect the views of the students. I do definitely feel that it is each individual student's duty to view carefully both sides of any issue. I have sensed a definite lack of communication and respect in many instances. I do feel that such decisions and rulings should be understood by the students and the administration since they know the circumstances on their particular cases."

Debbie Fugua, sophomore, Williamsburg: "The decision of Judge Merhige concerning the suspension of Madison students last spring seems quite appropriate to me. His statement that the rules are 'vague' is an important point which has been an object of great discussion and interest. I am glad that we have a judge who can look at a situation, take the different sides of a college's standpoint and admit with open mind."

Paul Warren, senior, Covington, Va.: "To suppress a peaceful gathering is merely an open invitation to not-such-peaceful gatherings. I am in full support with Judge Merhige and anticipate a change in Madison's severe rulings."

Mr. Charles Shomo, junior, Chesapeake, Va.: "I was happily surprised to hear Judge Merhige's decision concerning the students and faculty members who were on trial for the 'campus disturbance' last spring. The demonstrations were so blown out of proportion that I really believed that the students and faculty had no chance of getting a fair trial. But, evidently, Judge Merhige paid attention to the situation and viewed the case according to factual evidence, not hearsay."

Charles Shomo, senior, Parisburg, Va.: "Although I agree with Judge Merhige's decision as a statement of law, I believe the administration should have a strong control over the students. Some of the rules will have to be reworded for the students to know where they stand. I just hope that this ruling will not be taken advantage of by students who want attention for their own glory and personal satisfaction."

Mary Fleming, junior, Richmond: "Judge Merhige's ruling that a 48-hour notice is unnecessary appears only reasonable and applicable to the need of the demonstrators... if a group wishes to express its dissent or agreement, they should do so without going through the insignificant procedures of the college."

Susan Bennett, senior: "Judge Merhige may be correct in stating that the rules violated were not valid ones. But didn't the students know what rules Madison upheld and agreed to follow them while they were attending college here?"

Mary Jenkins, sophomore, Winchester, Va.: "I saw last year's demonstration and it seemed to be no more than a peaceful gathering of concerned students. The punishment of the involved students was the kind I expect to see given to violent militants and I am glad that Judge Merhige has now put Madison closer to what they should be."" (Continued page 2, col. 5)

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Persons from the entire Madison College community are participating in the self-study including board members, administrators, faculty, alumni, students and under-graduate students.

The following students are serving on committees of the Southern Association Accreditation Study:

The Purpose of the Institution — Miss Lora L. Emanuel, Mr. Samuel R. Heatwole, Jr., Organization and Administration — Miss Peggy Zerkel, Mr. Robert W. Darnell, Miss Beverly Trainham, Miss Peggy Zerkel, Mr. Robert W. Darnell, Mr. Ted Jones, Mr. N. L. Johnson, Mr. R. D. McCullough, Mr. Robert W. Darnell.

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**EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

**Merhige Ruling May Affect Colleges Throughout Nation**

Judge Robert R. Merhige's ruling in the Madison case which became known last Friday may well lift the lid on a Pandora's box of troubles for college administrations around the nation if it is permitted to stand.

The decision, in effect, strips from any college administration the right to mete out punishment to those who violate its rules. Thus, under the decision, the student has the right to dissent without having to fear for his actions.

This ruling amounts too of the liberality and over-permissiveness which has permeated the country for too much too long — not only of the recent bodies but also among college faculties, some members of which are not much older than the students they egg on to attack "the Establishment".

For too many years, federal judges and the Supreme Court have interpreted the Constitution in ways in which the Founding Fathers did not intend. True, the rights of the individual are of importance to all. However, many minorities are being granted privilege and license rather than rights to the detriment of the vast majority.

It is an open secret in many areas that ultra-right groups are praying that violence does occur on campuses in order that they can take some violent action of their own. The law-and-order issue has polarized this nation as no other issue has been able to do. The polarization has filtered down to the college level even at Madison. (See the results of a straw poll taken by the Breeze which appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Conflicts between the young and the hard-hats have been spotlighted in recent months with increasing frequency in the ranks of each group. Each side has the courage of its convictions and neither shows a tendency to budge from its position. Without communication, little can be done to ease the tension which exists and, as a result, isolated confrontations may become major confusions.

It is fervently hoped by most responsible people that such a thing does not happen. But the elements are present at what schools and it wouldn't take too much to set them off.

**Campus Movies**

MOVIES FOR FIRST SEMESTER — 1970-71

Oct. 10, "TAMING OF THE SHREW", Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 17, "WINNING", Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman, 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 24, "THE DETECTIVE", Frank Sinatra and Lee Remick, 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 31, "TRUE GRIT", John Wayne and Glenn Campbell, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 7, "GOOD-BYE COLUMBUS", Aline McGraw and Richard Benjamin, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 14, "VON RYAN'S EXPRESS", Frank Sinatra and Trevor Howard, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 21, "ALFIE", Michael Caine and Shelley Winters, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 5, "IN COLD BLOOD", Robert Blake and Scott Wilson, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 12, "COOGAN'S BLUFF", Clint Eastwood and Susan Clark, 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 16, "HELLFIGHTERS", John Wayne and Katherine Woodville, 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 23, "THE BEDFORD INCIDENT", Sidney Poitier and Richard Widmark, 7:30 P.M.

**Quickie Poll**

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If someone else had heard the case, the outcome would have been entirely different. The way it stands now, rules and regulations of the college carry very little weight. So why bother making any rules at all?

A. Newton Likins, sophomore: "My opinion as Judge Merhige's ruling on the Madison case must remain neutral as I am intimately with both sides of the case. In my current status as a reporter for the Harrisonburg News-Record, I have and will continue to refrain from making judgments in order to present an entirely objective account of any past or future actions."

Barbara Voelkel, junior, Hopewell, N.J.: "Judge Merhige's decision on demonstrations at Madison has given all Virginia college students more freedom for publicly demonstrating. Students at Madison have reasons to have faith in their right to assemble peacefully without having to give a 48-hour notice. I feel that the students are slowly regaining the individual rights which are taken away from them by the rules and regulations in the Handbook."
Member Explains “Greek” System

By Karen Matthews

There seem to be a few students on Madison’s campus who question the value of the existing Greek system. Perhaps men whose minds were pointed after, and only after, evidence the democratic ideals set up by skepticism, but whatever the case, it must not continue.

This nation was founded on the democratic ideals set up by men whose minds were pointed toward the future. Their belief that judgments are made after, and only after, evidence is presented, was an attempt to exact a freedom known to few other nations.

Ridicule, mistrust, or condemnation of the Greek organizations is unfair, if offered by those who are ignorant of the ways of sister and brotherhood. If a judgment is to be rendered by any student or anyone who should look at the Greeks with an open mind — not blinded by rumor or another’s vindictive talk.

The question asked most frequently is, "Why?" What purposes do fraternities or sororities have? A Greek would probably give the curious questioner a rapid reply, based on personal feelings or experiences, which are momentarily vivid in his mind. Each member of a Greek organization would, in turn, add new and different reasons for being in that position and the list would steadily grow.

Sensations of the mind are unique, singular, and completely individualistic. That which one sister feels may be hers alone, yet every other sister wears something just as strongly. She should look at the Greeks and fraternities, so can it be be-

Christmas gifts is indeed worth the time and effort. Many Christmas gifts are given to each other, to share and to give individually with the aid that the group willing gives.

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The words of Sophocles:

But joy and grief.

...are able to say, "I have sixty sisters or brothers, each of them; in his mind. Each member of a Greek organization would like to have sixty, the natural desire to grow and engulf problems or issues and from individuals, a whole is welded. One person gives of time and energy, and fifty-nine others gain. As the giving passes from one sister or brother to the next, each gains fifty-nine times.

In groups of this size, interests and abilities are never identical; yet the bond holding the group together becomes so strong that all receive a sprinkling of new, fresh concepts. The idea is not to remain living and breathing by the rules or expectations of a group, but rather to grow and immerse oneself individually with the aid that the group willing gives.

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Student Tells Of Parachute Jump

Ed. Note: Mr. Likins is a Madison student and reporter for the Harrisonburg News-Record. We are indebted to him for his first-hand story of his experience.

By Newton Likins

The door is caught and flung open as I sit on the floor awaiting my first parachute jump. The airplane ride was the second new experience of the day. The airplane ride was the first one-way airplane ride over the state. The airplane ride was the first time I had made a parachute jump.

 Players Begin Rehearsals For November Production

Casting has been completed and rehearsals begun on the Stratford Players first offering of the current year. The drama, "The Dark of the Moon" by Howard Richardson and William H. Berney will be presented Nov. 11, 12, 13, and 14.

The play, a fantasy which develops from the story of the witch boy who falls in love with a mortal girl whom he wants to marry. Jone, the witch boy, will be played by Don Ensmong while his mortal love, Barbara Allen, will be portrayed by Margot Knight. Others in the cast include Sam Heatwole as Preacher Haggler; Charla Hayco as Etida Sudbury; Jeannie Impellitari as the Dark Witch; and Becky Elliott as the Fairy Witch.

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Annual Home Ec Day

Plays for Home Economics Day, October 24, are underway in the Home Economics Department. This is a very important annual event and each year features outstanding specialists who speak on new developments in the fields of Home Economics.

This year the theme is "Environmental Design in the 70's." Dr. Dorothy Rowe, department head, will preside at the full day meeting which will be held in the Linnemer-Shiftfer Theatre.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Ria, Chairman, Human Environment and Design, Michigan State University. His topic is "Sensitivity, the Imperative for Creating Our Environment."

Also, Miss Nancy Evans, a regional lighting specialist with General Electric's Lamp Division, will speak on the subject, "Lighting and its Effect on Environmental Design."

Tickets for the luncheon will be sold by Moody Hall, Monday, October 12, 3-4 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon, and Wednesday, October 14, 3-4 p.m. Student tickets are $1 each, and tickets for faculty and other interested persons are $2.25. This program is open to all Madison College students and faculty and the public is cordially welcome.

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Follow VA Advice

Veterans at Madison College who are looking forward to receiving monthly G.I. checks this semester were offered several suggestions by the Veterans Administration this week.

1) Turn in your Certificate of Eligibility to the college registrar when you register — or as soon as possible thereafter.

2) See to it that this form is returned promptly to the VA by the registrar.

The law requires that the VA must be notified that the veteran has actually enrolled before processing his check, and, in practice, this means that most Madison veterans should receive their first check in October. If the VA is not notified of the veteran's enrollment early enough, it will not be able to get out his first check until November.

If a veteran does not receive his check within a few weeks after the school registrar returns the enrollment certificate to the VA, the veteran should notify his nearest VA office.

The VA also explained that the veterans must have returned his Certificate of Pursuit card for the last semester if previously enrolled under the G.I. Bill. This is normally done during the last month of the semester, but is often forgotten.

The VA also offered several other suggestions for Madison veterans. They include:

(1) If you change your college or course of study, apply immediately to VA for a new Certificate of Eligibility.

(2) If you change the address to which your checks are coming, notify the Post Office as well as VA.

(3) Let VA know any dependency changes due to marriage, divorce, births or deaths.

(4) If you reduce your course load, or drop out of school, let the VA know immediately so that prompt adjustments can be made in records and payment procedure.

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DEFENSE SPARKLES — Typical action in Dukes’ victory over Cadets in soccer debut.
Late Sports Results

The boys' athletic teams did not fare well the past week as they lost in soccer, cross country, and baseball.

W&L edged the boosters 1-0, in four innings in baseball against VMI which the Purple & Gold defeated the following afternoon on the local field.

Lori Spiro, sophomore class president, opened the festivities with a welcome to Coach Bob Vanderwarker and his team.

The series will continue each Sunday at 9 a.m. on UHF 5 or Cable Channel 6.

The faculty of the School of Humanities has been named unanimously to request that the local ETV station carry this film.

College:

Prizes totaling $1,600, are offered in the eighth annual Kansas City (Mo.) Poetry Contest, announced by Hallmark Cards, Inc. A book-length poetry manuscript also will be chosen for publication.

Full-time undergraduate students in the United States are eligible for one of six $100 prizes to be awarded for a single poem by Hallmark, one of four contest sponsors.

Other prizes include a $500 advance on royalties for a book-length poetry manuscript from the Devices Award. The book will be published by the University of Missouri Press.

The Kansas City Star, the third sponsor, is offering four $100 prizes for single poems.

Contest judges have not been announced, but in the past have included Conrad Aiken, Louis Untermeyer, Robert Penn Warren, James Dickey, Carolyn Kizer, William Stafford, and the late Winfield Towne Scott.

Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 1971. Winners will be announced April 26, at the closing reading of the 1970-71 American Poets Series of the Kansas City Jewish Community Center.

All entries are judged anonymously. For complete contest rules, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to: Kansas City Poetry Contest, P. O. Box 5111, Kansas City, Mo. 64114.

Beginning with the Spring 1971 issue, Alkahest: American College Poetry will award annually a first prize of $100.00 and a second prize of $50.00 for the best undergraduate poem published in Alkahest that year.

Published by Wesleyan University Press in Middle-town, Connecticut, Alkahest is a semi-annual magazine of superior poetry written by undergraduates in American colleges and universities.

Poems are selected by a committee of undergraduate judges, each distinguished in his own school as a poet or critic and assigned anonymously. For complete contest information, write: Kansas City Poetry Contest, P. O. Box 5111, Kansas City, Mo. 64114.

Mr. Roland Mainland, Assistant Manager of Leggett Department Store and President of the Retail Merchants Association of Harrisonburg, Virginia, presents Ruth Miller, a freshman of Madison College with a portable typewriter, grand prize given by Leggett during Freshman Day.

Poetry Contests Announced By Hallmark Co., Wesleyan

Mr. Dennis Moore, Miss H. Diane Ford, and Miss Karen Brill, Mrs. Bar-