

May 5, 1964

Mr. John Gravely, Publisher
The Virginia Gazette
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gravely:

On Saturday, May 2, 1964, Mr. Bill Bryant came to see me, and indicated that the Gazette would publish a story in the reasonably near future regarding Mr. Oscar Blayton, who is a freshman student at the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Bryant asked if I had any comments regarding this matter, and I am enclosing a copy of the statement which I gave him.

In the event that Mr. Bryant should proceed in having the Gazette publish a story regarding this young man, I hope very much that he will quote my statement in its entirety.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Davis Y. Paschall
President

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Dean Lambert
Dean Barnes

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Statement given Mr. Bryant of
Virginia Gazette, May 2, 1964

The Admissions Policy of the College of William and Mary is not discriminatory as regards race, creed, or color. The basic consideration is academic achievement and academic potential for success at the College.

The College does not classify students by any of these respective categories, and personally I am of the opinion that to single out a student simply because of one of these categories is to segregate him.

I am constrained to believe that the student himself would prefer not to be singled out in news media, or otherwise, simply because of being in one of these categories, and the College will certainly not be a party to doing so.