

circulation of any publication, or in any other manner, encourage or prompt the procuring of abortion or miscarriage, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

According to CAVALIER DAILY Editor Peter Shea, Podles and a group of sympathetic students went before the U.Va. Student Council earlier in the year. At that time they attempted to protest on moral and religious grounds the abortion information which both the newspapers and Student Council had been providing with the aid of student funds. Shea stated that, when they were "laughed out of the room," the group then went to the vice president of student affairs at U.Va. and complained, informing him that they would bring charges against members of the newspaper staffs.

When contacted by the BULLET, Student Body President Kevin Mannix stated that he could not remember any such group's approaching the Student Council. However, he said if this did occur, "I'm sure they weren't really laughed out of the room. We probably just decided to take no action on it."

Podles, who is spearheading the anti-abortion information effort, told the BULLET that he has been upset for a long time about certain policies practiced by Student Council and the campus publications which utilized student funds to make abortion information available to students. He feels that many other U.Va. students share his concern in this matter. "A number of students have felt that their religious beliefs were being violated," he said. Although he himself is Catholic, Podles stated that "not only Catholics, but Jews and members of other religions feel this way." According to Podles, he and others have tried several times to make their views known,

is quite willing to make a test case out of this, so I'm willing to go along with it."

Jeff Bigelow of the WEEKLY stated that "We're going to challenge the law because it's unconstitutional. Our policies will not be affected and we will continue printing abortion referral ads." He and Doran have retained Charlottesville ACLU lawyer John Lowe as counsel.

When asked about their plans, Bill Fryer stated that none of the three former DAILY staff members would care to comment on the situation.

All of those arrested have been released on \$250 bond except for Doran of the WEEKLY, who was released on \$500 bond. When asked why Doran's bond was higher, Podles declared, "I had nothing to do with that" and said that he was not sure why this had been done.

The maximum penalty for this misdemeanor is one year in jail and a \$1000 fine. Asked how he would feel if the five received the maximum sentence, Podles said, "That is highly improbable." He stated that, although he was unwilling to hurt any individuals, "Since other channels had failed, what else can I do? Everybody else refused to listen to things rationally." He indicated that he was sure that the largest punishment they would receive would be a suspended sentence and a small fine: "I have been assured that they will not be substantially hurt."

"This law has never been tested before," Podles concluded. "It has to be tested sometime." He hopes that, through his action, other groups will be discouraged from providing abortion information.

The hearing has been tentatively set for May 27 in Charlottesville.

## self-scheduling begins next year

# Faculty considers Governance

by Robin Darling

The faculty met twice this month to act on two major proposals; self-scheduled exams and the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty-Student Governance.

At the first meeting, on Wednesday, May 12, faculty members stayed in ACL ballroom until 6:40 p.m., when the proposed plan for self-scheduled exams passed. The plan, which had previously been voted down on a number of occasions, was approved by a vote of 81 to 56, with five abstentions. Said one faculty member of the shift in feeling, "consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds, so I guess that would mean this is a very imaginative faculty."

One proviso, however, prevented the plan from going into effect during this semester's exam period: students must notify their instructors of the time slot in which they choose to take their exams at least two weeks before the exam date. By the time the faculty finally approved the plan, it was only nine days before the beginning of the exam period. Self-scheduling will be initiated during the summer school session, though.

Last Wednesday, the faculty met for what was described as "the longest meeting in history." The previous meeting had been adjourned due to parlia-

mentary difficulties until the May 19 "special meeting," when the faculty declared itself a committee of the whole in order to act on the governance committee proposals. From 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., it made changes in the proposals, the most important of which are: in the first motion for implementation, the sentence "That departments should develop and implement policies of student participation in departmental affairs," was changed to "That departments are urged to develop and implement policies . . ." Another sentence was inserted at the end of the motion: "The implementation of Motion I shall be at the option of the faculty of the individual departments."

In Section B of the second motion, the first part was reworded from "The Council will receive reports of all College Committees and determine what action shall be taken" to "The Council will receive reports of all College Committees and determine what action should be taken by the appropriate body or bodies." A sixth provision was also added: "The faculty may, upon the duly seconded motion of any member, and a vote by a simple majority of those present and voting, elect to retain or regain jurisdiction on any matter which comes before it, regardless of the action of the Council."

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