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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>
Chairperson	Renee Cardwell
Vice Chairperson	Angele Lee
Treasurer	Thelma Jones
Secretary	Reva Cardwell
Academics Committee Chairperson	Debbie Saunders
Black Culture Week Chairperson	Evelyn Norcum
Communications Chairperson	Cleo Powell
Community Relations Chairperson	Bill Highsmith & Foster Brooks
Parliamentarian	Dwight Bruce
Class Representatives:	
4th Year	Randolph Shelton Earl Andrews
3rd Year	Karen Brown Harriett Sasso
2nd Year	Jackie Stone Thomas James
1st Year	Patricia Jackson Tammy Turner

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STUDENT COUNCIL ALLOCATIONS

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Black Engineering Society	\$ 992.90	\$291.00
Black Student Alliance	1,400.00	

RACISM AT THE UNIVERSITY

Ken Easley

Former Honor Committee Chairman Kendrix M. Easley filed a \$300,000 libel suit in Charlottesville Circuit Court against third year college student Edward R. Wilcox. Wilcox admitted last May to forging a medical report on University Psychiatric Department letterhead which claimed to be notes of a psychiatric interview with Easley. The pre-trial hearing was scheduled for February 20.

Office of Civil Rights Suit

A group of Black University law students withdrew a complaint filed with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in 1972 by the Black American Law Students Association. The complaint charged that the University Law School discriminated in faculty hiring but the OCR found this allegation to be untrue. BALSAs decided not to appeal the findings because they noted the Law School had made progress in recruiting of minority faculty.

The OCR investigated complaints that the University practiced racial and sexual discrimination. A compliance review of the University's affirmative action guidelines was conducted before the Medical School could receive a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. The Women's Alliance and the Association of Women's Faculty had filed complaints last April after no women and only one Black were granted tenure. After their review, OCR gave verbal approval to an affirmative action plan passed by the Board of Visitors on June 2.

BLACK FACULTY

All Black tenure applicants were rejected even after Edwin Floyd had asked the departments to reconsider their negative decisions affecting Blacks. There was one tenured Black faculty out of 300 tenured faculty; he was one of the 11 Black full-time college faculty.

Association Dean of Students Linwood Jacobs resigned to take a job at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College in Richmond October 1. He holds both a masters and doctoral degree from Virginia. As Associate Dean of Students, Jacobs was a liasion between black students and the Dean's office before the Afro-American Dean's position was created.

Governor John N. Dalton appointed Dr. Frank S. Royal as the first Black member to the Board of Visitors February 13. Royal, a Richmond doctor, graduated "cum laude" in 1961 from Virginia Union University and from Meharry Medical College in 1968. He was the National Medical Association Board's Chairman and a member of HEW's National Health Advisory Board Council.

#### BLACK FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

On December 4, six women were inducted into the Archonian club of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. These same women became members of Zeta on April 2. Zeta is a "national, service oriented, community conscious organization."

#### BLACK ORGANIZATIONS

The University chapter of the Black Engineering Society (BEC) held its initiation ceremony September 16 in Ruffner Hall. It became the University's first Black engineering society. Wesley Harris, 1964 graduate of the Engineering School and Director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Minorities Office was the keynote speaker. According to BEC President Robert Hopson, the purpose of establishing the engineering society was to insure academic support for Black engineering students. One of the main goals was to reduce the high minority attrition rate with special academic and tutoring programs.

#### ATHLETICS

Head football coach Dick Bestwick recruited 5-10, 176 lb flanker Greg Taylor of Highland Springs, Virginia. Taylor led his high school to a 10-0 record and both district and regional championships in his senior year. He rushed 13 times for a total of 1,183 yards. He lead all Virginians in scoring with 166 points.

Jimmy Bruce, track team walk-on was Virginia's top short sprinter. He ran 6.2 in 60 yards and 10.4 in the 100 meter dash (equivalent to 9.4 in the 100 yard dash). He mjored in Psychology.

#### CULTURAL EVENTS

February 3 - Ohio Players, 8:00 (University Hall)

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Black Culture Week Activities (February 7 - 10)

The purpose of this year's Black Culture Week was to make both Black and white students aware of the Black contribution to American culture, science, and politics according to the Luther P. Jackson House Director Margaret Dwight.

February 7 - Tony Brown, writer, producer & director of the PBS series "Tony Brown's Journal", 8:00 (South Meeting Room - Newcomb Hall)

- February 8 - Artist Charles R. Flynn discussed Black art, 3:00 (South Meeting Room - Newcomb Hall).  
Annual Community Night entitled "Black Students Doin' It" featuring student talent in the form of music, dance, and poetry, 8:00 (Old Cabell Hall)
- February 9 - Documentary films about Martin Luther King, Jr., 3:00 (South Meeting Room - Newcomb Hall)  
- Rod Rodgers Dance Company from New York City, 8:00 (Old Cabell Hall)
- February 10 - "Black Ball" featuring the band "Standing Room Only", 10:00 (Newcomb Hall Ballroom)

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February 16 - The Preservation Hall Jazz Band (University Hall)