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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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V. P. Hasselmo and others brief FCC on the Mark Hall case. Held at Campus Club.

Attending: Nils Hasselmo, members of FCC, Robert Stein, Jeanne Lupton, and several others, including Mark Eastwood of the Dorsey firm, representing the University on this case, Charles Walcott (Chr., ACIA), Steven Schoenberg (UWW), Tom Buckley (GC Assoc. Dean).

It was termed an informational meeting in the wake of Judge Miles Lord's temporary injunction requiring the University's admitting Mark Hall to a degree-granting program. There are implications for the University versus the courts, athletics, and the NCAA.

Walcott: An ACIA subcommittee is investigating the relationships between some intercollegiate athletics staff and some academic offices. There is not supposed to be any direct contact regarding students.

Eastwood: There are two legal charges.

(1) Mark Hall was denied due process regarding admission to General College.
Fact: his GC numeric average was 4.67 on an 11 point scale, the lowest average of all University athletes.

(2) Mark Hall was denied due process regarding admission to the University Without Walls.

Facts: A committee agreed "reluctantly" to provisional admittance for Hall. In practice, though not in written policy, the permanent faculty director of UWW has the final decision on admissions and can veto a recommendation for admission. Director says there is no way Hall will make it there academically.

The rejection letters Hall received were accurate that the basis of the decision was his academic record. It is true, though, that those rejecting him had extra, quasi-disciplinary information to consider, and did not inform Hall they had that.

Under the injunction, the University chose to admit Hall to GC, not to UWW.

Eaton: Are academic promises made to an athlete when athlete is recruited?

Stein: No. Any such promises would be subject to disciplinary action.

Lupton: Academic integrity is at stake here. This injunction has damaged morale among earnest General College students, and among some athletes.

Hasselmo: This won't be a sham admission. Hall will be monitored. Basketball coach Jim Dutcher will write Hall stating Minnesota's intercollegiate athletics policy regarding academic requirements, class attendance, etc.

Stein: It is a recurring problem that the courts are beating the University on the University's procedures, not on the substance of the questions. In the Hall case we will initiate all the routine hearings regarding discipline, and get those into the record.

The ACIA wishes to use athletics to encourage some students to attend the University who otherwise wouldn't attend. Coaches can serve as academic motivators.

Buckley: Mr. Ekstrand, the athletic department counselor, is being used as a scapegoat by basketball coaches who haven't cooperated well with him.

Purple: The Medical School, having been burned repeatedly in court, now scrutinizes its procedures so they are legally beyond reproach. Athletics will need to do the same.

Walcott: I will propose to ACIA a resolution that University Without Walls is not a program open to varsity athletes. It is a different kind of program, aimed at mature, older students, most of whom have been out of school for some time, whose backgrounds and other commitments make a different kind of program appropriate for them. It requires independent, highly self-motivated students.