MEMORANDUM

November 30, 1994

To: The Faculty

From: Bishop Hunt,
   Faculty Secretary

About: Highlights of fourth Senate meeting

The Faculty Senate met for almost two hours on Tuesday, November 29, and did this:

--gave tentative approval to a list of undergraduate and graduate degree candidates intending to graduate in December

--approved two changes on the Tenure and Promotion Committee (Virginia Benmaman, Languages, previously a regular member, becomes an alternate; David Kowal, Art History, previously an alternate, becomes a regular member)

--approved proposals from the Curriculum Committee, including new courses in History, African American Studies, a change in listing in Art History/Arts Management and Administration, and a set of guidelines on Special Topics courses (the latter slightly amended)

--approved a series of proposals from the Curriculum Committee, and endorsed by the Graduate Education Committee, including new graduate courses in Biology, Education, Geology, Languages, Mathematics, Physics, and Public Administration (there were some minor corrections from the floor, and an amendment striking Geology 445, Coastal Processes and Issues, while retaining Environmental Studies 645, the graduate version)

--passed a motion directing the Academic Planning Committee to look into and report on the question of the overlap between upper level undergraduate and lower level graduate courses

--passed two proposals approved by the Academic Standards Committee, on Continuing Education Students and an "Adult Degree Track," to be entered into the undergraduate bulletin

--endorsed three proposals from the Faculty Welfare Committee: about sabbatical leave policy (an amendment was made, striking out a sentence about disclosing any additional income received while on sabbatical); about smoking ("enclosed private offices" are now defined as those "with sufficient physical separation to insure that tobacco smoke does not impinge upon non-smoking areas"); and about parking regulations (removing an unauthorized clause giving seniority in parking assignments based on years of service in the State system, rather than at the College)

--directed that a proposal from the Honors Program Committee, to change the Honors Program to the Honors College and to make the Director a Dean, be remanded to the Academic Planning Committee, in order, first, to inquire into and to specify what the relationship would be between the new Dean and the already existing Deans, the chairs of departments, and the Provost, and second, to look into the recent growth of the Honors Program, with the Director being asked draw up a report for the Academic Planning Committee, to include a consideration of the implications of this growth for the College as a whole, and an outline of projected future staffing needs.