



COLLEGE of the VIRGIN ISLANDS^{v10}

RESOLUTION

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR JOURNALISM PROGRAM

(Board of Trustees Meeting, June 9, 1985)

WHEREAS the Journalism program was introduced at the College to produce qualified Virgin Islanders for positions in journalism locally and throughout the Caribbean.

WHEREAS the College is committed to the continued financial support of this program.

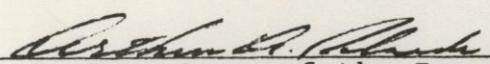
WHEREAS instructional resources and equipment for the program are very limited, and there exists a critical need to provide state-of-the-art equipment to upgrade the Journalism program and to help it meet its program objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Vice-President for Business and Financial Affairs be authorized to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Educational Resources Reserve Fund for the purchase of instructional equipment for the Journalism Program.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the College of the Virgin Islands adopted at its meeting on June 9, , 1985, as recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

DATED: 10 June 85


Secretary of the Board

Justification for Purchase of Journalism Equipment

The journalism program was initiated with financial support from the Gannett Foundation, which publishes the Daily News. The purpose of the program is to produce qualified Virgin Islanders for positions in journalism locally and throughout the Caribbean. Graduates of the program would compete initially for positions at the entry (reporter) level, and could anticipate opportunities for advancement. There is a shortage of local talent for positions in this field.

The equipment purchased as a result of this action will make possible the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment for instruction in journalism. A type-composition system will be acquired, including video-display terminals, a photo-typesetter, and a hard-copy printer. This system will eliminate the present practice of utilizing the equipment of local businesses when the equipment happens to be free, with the attendant problems of scheduling, missing deadlines, and damage to the enthusiasm of faculty and students engaged in newspaper composition and production.

With no more than the manual typewriters now on hand as training tools, it is clear that the College must upgrade its equipment if graduates are to be fully qualified and competitive in the job market.

Successful development of this program offers the prospect of new careers for CVI students, as well as the additional prospect of helping to assure a free press in the Caribbean.